

This document is to share relevant information with pupils, parents and carers about how we will provide remote education during periods of school closure or pupil isolation relating to coronavirus (COVID-19).

Children and young people across the country have experienced unprecedented disruption to their education as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). Park Community Academy has listened carefully to the needs of families and has implemented systems and processes to ensure that pupils receive high quality education both on and off site.

All pupils that attend Park Community Academy have an EHCP and we therefore understand that pupils may not be able to access remote education without support from adults at home. We acknowledge the difficulties this may place on families, and we will continue to work with parents and carers to ensure we provide an ambitious curriculum that is appropriate for each child's level of need.

External agencies such as Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Educational Psychology, CAMHS, the school nurse practitioner and medical officer will continue to provide support to teachers, pupils and parents to meet our pupils needs. This may take place through phone calls, virtual meetings and a range of bespoke resources on PCA website, or on site by some agencies.

Remote education provision: information for parents

Park Community Academy Home Learning Plan also includes useful information about remote learning. This is available on the school website.



The remote curriculum: what is taught to pupils at home?

A pupil's first day or two of being educated remotely might look different from our standard approach, while we take all necessary actions to prepare for a longer period of remote teaching.

What should my child expect from immediate remote education in the first day or two of pupils being sent home?

The remote education that will be available immediately will be:

Google Classroom		Frogplay	
Park Community Academy Website		Numbots	
Education City		Bug Club	
RM Easimaths		My Maths	
Oak National Academy		BBC Bitesize	

Weekly and daily communication through twitter, the school website and newsletters enable us to signpost pupils, parents and carers to specific links or lessons.

Following the first few days of remote education, will my child be taught broadly the same curriculum as they would if they were in school?

We teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate. However, we have needed to make some changes in some subjects. For example, some Science based activities may be altered due to scientific equipment not being accessible offsite. Dance and Drama may also be taught through other subjects.

How long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?

- Across a week all curriculum subjects will be taught to ensure pupils continue to receive a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Pupils who are working remotely will receive a simplified timetable for their class which sets out three lessons per day to include English, Maths and other subjects across the curriculum, which will include Physical Education and PSHE. They will also have daily access to the online learning platforms such as Bug Club and Education City.
- Pupils who are working onsite will receive full time education for the allocated times they are onsite which will include more than three lessons a day.

If my child does not have digital or online access at home, how will you support them to access remote education?



We recognise that some pupils may not have suitable online access at home. We take the following approaches to support those pupils to access remote education:

- Parents are encouraged to inform us if their child needs additional access to a laptop or a router to support them with remote education.
- Booklets providing guidance on how to use Google Classroom are available to pupils, parents and carers. A step by step help video is also available on the home learning tab of the school website. Support may also be provided over the phone from PCA staff.
- Usernames and passwords can be given out again if they have been lost or forgotten, please just ask.
- Pupils can also be provided with home learning work packs where necessary which will be posted out to families or hand delivered by Park Community Academy staff.

How will my child be taught remotely?

We use a combination of approaches to teach pupils remotely:

Some examples of remote teaching approaches:

- All of the digital platforms mentioned above.
- Live teaching (online zoom lessons for story time and assemblies)
- Recorded lessons available on Google Classroom from Park Community Academy staff.
- Recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- Reading books pupils have at home
- Commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences
- Long-term project work and/or internet research activities.
- Home Learning Packs where necessary.

Engagement and feedback:

- Timetables for remote learning and onsite learning are available to pupils, parents and carers and can be located on Google Classroom and PCA website.
- An area of the website has been dedicated to home learning with all relevant information accessible, this is called Home Learning 2021.
- We expect our children and young people to engage with remote education and complete work.
- We ask our parents and carers to support with remote education in setting routines such as finding a quiet space for them to work and keeping in touch with school.
- PCA will keep in regular contact with our families and pupils.

How will you check whether my child is engaging with their work and how will I be informed if there are concerns?

- As a school we will check pupils' engagement with remote education within lessons, via weekly phone calls and fortnightly doorstep visits.
- We will work with families to rapidly identify effective solutions where engagement is a concern.

How will you assess my child's work and progress?



- Feedback will take place relevant to the platform used for remote learning.
- As part of Park's Communication Document feedback may also take place during weekly phone calls and door step visits which will take place fortnightly.
- Additional door step visits will take place by the Child and Family Support Team when necessary.
- Feedback will be provided on all work handed in to Google Classroom
- Feedback will also take place through weekly celebration assemblies.
- Feedback will also take place through the school website on the blog.
- Feedback will also take place through photographs, videos and emails sent into school from home.