



Remote Education Statement

Remote Education during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

In the event of local restrictions, **Rye College** may be required to close or partially close. If this happens we will immediately move to remote education so no child falls behind. This requires us all to work together – more details are in our Remote Education Policy.

Remote education will:

- Be very similar to what your child would be learning in school at this time;
- Be structured to help your child learn at a similar level to when they are in school;
- Take a similar amount of time as the normal school day e.g. five hours each day;
- Require parents to help their child access learning materials and organise their day.

We take a 'mobile-first' approach and try to make sure the internet resources we use can be seen on a mobile phone. If you can access the internet, your child will be able to use a wider range of materials. If this is difficult, we can provide hard copies or, in some cases, help with technology.

Providing materials

We will provide your child with learning materials during any closure or partial closure. These will be available through our **website** and our online platforms **ClassCharts** and **MS Teams**.

As well as these materials, we will also be using:

- Educational platforms including **Hegarty Maths**;
- Educational websites such as **SAM Learning**;
- **ESCC Public Library Service**;
- **Rye College Library Cloud**;
- Pre-recorded video or audio resources;
- Work booklets and exam papers;
- Reading tasks.

Submission and feedback

All activities completed through remote education must be:

- Completed to the best of your child's ability;
- Returned on or before the date set by the teacher;
- Your child's own work.

We will provide feedback to your child on a regular basis. In addition to the feedback given through our educational platforms, we will provide individual feedback **every two weeks**.

We do this by **providing written comments on specific activities through MS Teams**.

Tracking progress

We recognise remote education can be a challenge. Therefore, if we see schoolwork is not being set in line with expectations we will contact you to offer additional support or potentially invite your child into school for the period of closure or partial closure.



Special Education Needs and Disabilities

If your child has special educational needs or a disability, your teacher will provide suitable activities for them. If you require further support on how best we can adjust your child's remote education you can contact our **SENCO** during the school day.

The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) is: **Mr. Matt Townsend**.

Communication

If we must close the school and move to remote education, we will tell you by **email** and **letter**.

Therefore, it is important we have the correct contact details for you. We will also post news and letters to our website www.ryecollege.co.uk in the normal way.

We will contact you about remote education on the day the school closes or the next school day.

We know being able to speak with us is important. Therefore, a teacher will be available to support your child's learning **every school day through MS Teams**. We will also contact you **at least once a fortnight** by telephone. This may include a short conversation with your child.

Additional support is available through the **Student Hub** which can help families whilst the school is closed. If your child is having difficulty completing the activities set then you should contact the school immediately to discuss further support.

Free School Meals

During closure or partial closure, some families who receive benefit-related free school meals may struggle to feed their children. Therefore, we have arranged to:

- Make food parcels available for delivery or collection.

If your family needs further support you can contact the school in confidence.

Safeguarding

If you have a close relationship with us or your child has a social worker, it is important your family continues to engage with us. A colleague may call to speak with you and your child. In some circumstances we may invite your child into school to carry on with their learning.

With less children in school during a closure any risks are significantly reduced. Therefore, we strongly urge families to take up the offer of a place if one is made.

We may visit your home to see how everyone is getting on. Visits will take place in the normal way.

If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child (including online) during closure or partial closure you can still contact the headteacher or designated safeguarding lead (DSL).

The Head of College is: **Mr. Dom Downes**.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is: **Miss Jest Carpenter**.

You can email us at office@ryecollege.co.uk or ring during the school day on **01797 222 545**.