

# ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL



REMOTE LEARNING OFFER

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## **Remote education provision: information for parents**

This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to pupils and parents or carers about what to expect from remote education where national or local restrictions require entire cohorts (or bubbles) to remain at home.

At St Mary's RC Primary School, we know that in each household remote learning will be very different. With this in mind, we have endeavored to create a package of online learning that will encompass the needs of all pupils in our community, irrespective of their home circumstances.

We have 3 levels on remote learning depending on periods of isolation. In each we have tried to align the provision as closely as possible to the in-school curriculum.

## **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?**

Google classroom is the platform we use to provide remote learning. Whilst every endeavour will be made to offer live learning immediately, your child may have to access work set by teachers on google classroom in the first couple of days whilst

## **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?**

Level 1 covers an individual child who is now self-isolating at home due to having been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, tested positive themselves or has been contacted by NHS Track & Trace. Work will be provided, directly aligned to what is being taught in class. This will be prepared by the class teacher. Contact school to make us aware that a pack is needed. Teachers will also offer email support or support via our online platforms.

Level 2 covers a whole bubble closure. In this scenario children would then switch to work that would be provided, directly aligned to the year group curriculum, via online platforms for key stage one and two and early years, remote learning packs to be collected from school or dropped off by school for key stage one children and also supplementary printed materials packs for key stage two and early years available from school. This would also apply in the event of a Level 3 (whole school closure due to a further National lockdown).

Level 3 would be a national closure, Early Years and Key Stage one families will be provided with a weekly learning pack. This will be emailed on a weekly basis, printed copies are also available. Families are asked to return their packs on a weekly basis in order to return completed work and pick up new learning packs. Completed work can also be emailed back to school. Letters from individual teachers are found

via remote learning platforms that explain each remote learning situation and give dates and details of collection points. Reading books, stationery packs and exercise books are available if required. Our remote education concentrates most importantly on the subjects of English and maths as it does our curriculum in school. English and maths learning takes up the majority of learning time as these are the most central subjects which aid progression in other curriculum areas. Foundation subjects such as: religious education, history, geography, science, music, art, design technology, Spanish, and PE are also given the appropriate allocated time and work delivered and set. We teach the same curriculum

remotely as we do in school with practical adaptations made where necessary.

## Remote teaching and study time each day

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

In line with DfE guidance we expect that remote education (including remote teaching and independent work) will take pupils broadly the following number of hours each day:

Key Stage 1	3 hours
Key Stage 2	4 hours

## Accessing remote education

### How will my child access any online remote education you are providing?

Our on-line platform is Google Classroom supported by Purple Mash and Class dojo. Full details of how to access these platforms are provided by letters and help-to guides in letters and also via letters sent out via email.

### 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:

- Contact the school office as we have a small number of laptops and tablets that we can lend and issue to pupils.
- If families do not have fixed broadband, school may be able to help.
- We provide a learning pack containing all necessary materials weekly. These can be collected or emailed.
- On a weekly basis we provide a drop off where pupils return their work to teachers and collect new packs, alternatively, this can be done via email.

## How will my child be taught remotely?

We use a combination of the following approaches to teach pupils remotely:

In the first instance please see letters sent home which explain exactly the timetabled content of each key stage and our early years remote learning plan.

In a Level 2 or Level 3 situation:-

- Key stage one and two have live on-line lessons via Google Meet throughout the course of the school day which are in line with year group curriculum expectations. Children are set into their usual classes and timetabled live lessons are delivered by class teachers. Learning is delivered and tasks set throughout the course of the lesson. Work is either submitted back via Google Classroom, Class Dojo or feedback given throughout the course of the session.
- Early years children have printed work packs which are also sent via email. Completed work is returned to school each week and new learning packs are collected from school. Early years children also have a daily contact activity.
- Supplementing all of this is learning set on Timetable Rockstars.
- Our KS1 and EY information provides clear links to phonics teaching via 'RWInc' portal. Links to a wealth of additional resources are available on the school website.

## Engagement and feedback

### What are your expectations for my child's engagement and the support that we as parents and carers should provide at home?

Staff will expect key stage two pupils learning remotely to:

- Be present on live lessons throughout the course of the day wherever possible.
- Make their best efforts to complete work to the deadline set by teachers.
- Seek help if they need it, from teachers or teaching assistants.
- Alert teachers if they're not able to complete.

We expect key stage one and early years pupils learning remotely to:

- Be present at the timetabled live sessions each day as detailed in the letter sent to parents and carers.

Staff can expect parents with children learning remotely to:

- Provide a quiet place with a work surface for your child to work.
- Read through information and guidance from your child's class teacher; and with key stage two children ensure that children access their live lessons on time; are respectful to staff and class mates; and that children make their best efforts to complete work online. Where children cannot access the live lessons, parents should ensure that children access the recorded version of the lesson at an appropriate time.
- Make the school aware if their child is sick or otherwise can't complete work (for school records).
- Seek help from the school if they need it, including informing staff/school if they are unable to access the 'remote learning provision'.
- Be respectful when asking questions and or concerns known to staff and stick to times given to speak to staff.
- Collect and return work packs as informed by letters sent out from class teachers and if this is not possible let the school know so we can assist with this.

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

Each teacher, alongside their provision of learning materials or live lessons provides a clear expectation of how and when work should be submitted. This could be via an online platform or the returning of physical work to school via the systems explained in letters sent home. Staff will be monitoring this. Registers of attendance are taken for live online lessons and unexplained child absences are followed up with phone calls home.

If key stage two teachers find that children are not submitting work, parents will be contacted and a discussion around this will take place.

Where key stage one and early years work is not returned or submitted, this will be discussed in welfare phone calls from the pastoral staff and the class teacher.

Key stage one staff and early years staff will make welfare and well-being calls for children working at home and all staff are contactable Class dojo or the school office.

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

Feedback can take many forms and may not always mean extensive written comments for individual children. For example, whole-class feedback or quizzes marked automatically via digital platforms are also valid and effective methods, amongst many others. Our approach to feeding back on pupil work is as follows:

Staff will provide feedback on learning via immediate live lesson formats, quizzes, remote marking, comments on work, comments on online platforms, responses to work submitted and comments on work returned to name but a few. Photographs of work and assignments can be uploaded onto Google Classroom or Class Dojo and returned via email as directed.

## **Additional support for pupils with particular needs**

### **How will you work with me to help my child who needs additional support from adults at home to access remote education?**

We recognise that some pupils, for example some pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), 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 work with parents and carers to support those pupils in the following ways:

In our Level 3 guidance for a national or local lock-down period:-

- We will ask families how they would like us to support their children with additional special educational needs – if parents would like their child to attend school during a lock-down period this would be fully supported.
- Children in key stage one and two delivered live lessons according to need and ability.
- Children in early years will be provided with tasks and printed materials that are suited to the needs of the child.
- Catch-up contacts made to ensure engagement and interaction and to offer any required further support
- Provision of materials specifically tailored to the needs of the individual child/ren (this could be workbooks, additional printed packs, loan of a device, visually impaired produced materials, etc)
- For those children who are clinically extremely vulnerable or who have family members who are clinically extremely vulnerable, our Level 3 guidance, we will offer a bespoke learning package to meet the needs of the children in these situations.
- Our youngest children have been provided with learning packs and tasks that explain daily remote learning expectations and provide printed copies of resources to be used. We realise that our youngest children will need support with these tasks and ask you to support your child as much as you are able to.
- Teachers and staff are always on-hand to help clarify and support with any further support or guidance needed. Parents and carers can contact staff via on-line learning platforms or raise questions or queries in our phone calls home.

## **Remote education for self-isolating pupils**

Where individual pupils need to self-isolate but the majority of their peer group remains in school, how remote education is provided will likely differ from the approach for whole groups. This is due to the challenges of teaching pupils both at home and in school.



**If my child is not in school because they are self-isolating, how will their remote education differ from the approaches described above?**

Our Level 1 provision covers an individual child who is now self-isolating at home due to having been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, tested positive themselves or has been contacted by NHS Track & Trace.

Work will be provided, directly aligned to what is being taught in class. This will be prepared by the class teacher. Class teachers will ask for work to be collected or if necessary school can drop of work. Children will be asked to upload completed work to Google Classroom/ Class Dojo, emailed to class teachers or returned to school depending on the age of the child. Further to this, teachers may offer the opportunity, as appropriate, for children to join in with in-class learning via Google Classroom live lessons.