



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 if local restrictions require entire cohorts (or bubbles) to remain at home.

For details of what to expect where individual pupils are self-isolating, please see the final section of this page.

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.

Remote teaching and study time each day

We expect that remote education (including remote teaching and independent work) will take pupils broadly the following number of hours each day:

- Primary school-aged pupils - Three hours
- Secondary school and Post 16 - Four hours

Accessing 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:

- We have a limited number of sim cards with three months unlimited data
- We will provide printed materials where appropriate if you do not have online access. These can be collected or posted to you
- Work from pupils can be posted (please keep receipt of posting and we will refund)

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- Live teaching (online lessons)
- Recorded teaching (e.g. You Teach Me)
- Printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- Textbooks and reading books pupils have at home
- Commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences e.g. YouTeachMe, Mymaths, TT Rockstars, Bug Club and Education City
- Long-term project work and/or internet research activities
- Work will be emailed by tutors every Monday morning – parents requesting printing, work printed and posted every Monday
- BSL resources and instruction provided through YouTeachMe
- Weekly emails from tutors
- Rapid feedback will be given to children and young people through email upon submission of work. The Pupil reward system will continue to be used – Pupils and parents already have login details
- Where individual pupils need to self-isolate but the majority of their peer group remains in school, remote education is provided will likely differ from the approach

What you'll need at home

- A device that can access the internet, such as a laptop, desktop computer, tablet or smartphone
- Workbooks and resources will be sent home, but there may be items that you can source easily too linked to project work

- We recommend a quiet space where they can work without interruption

What we expect from your child

It's important that your child engages with home learning and keeps to their timetable. If they aren't engaging with the learning, we'll use the following strategies to provide additional support:

- Video call home
- Increased feedback
- Welfare calls

What you can do to help

We appreciate that if this situation arises, it may present some challenges for you. We kindly ask for your support so that we can continue to provide high-quality education for your child during this time.

Younger children in particular may need support in accessing online materials and staying focused with their remote learning. We ask that you help them as much as you can.

At the same time, we don't expect you to watch your child all day, and we wouldn't expect parents/carers to get involved in remote lessons in place of our teachers. But, it would be really helpful if you can take an active role in your child's learning by asking them about their day and what they've learned.

Our top tips:

- Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day, and to keep to their timetable
- Distinguish between weekdays and weekends, and make it clear when the school day is over, to separate home and school life
- Plan breaks and exercise into the day to help keep your child active

Please keep in touch with us and do let us know if you're having any difficulties with remote learning, or if you have any questions.

We recognise that some pupils, for example some 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 work with parents and carers to support those pupils

Thank you for your continued support