



Home Learning Support

As we continue to live with the current pandemic, we are faced with the continued challenge of finding ways to deliver the curriculum whilst children are not in school. Since September, we have seen children going home because they, their siblings (or other family members) have to self-isolate. This can be for 2-3 days or up to 14 days. We also know it is taking up to and beyond 48 hours for family members to get a test result.

We know our children have come back to school with a thirst for learning and we want this to continue. We also know there is a level of frustration amongst parents, staff and pupils at the length of time they need to be off whilst waiting for a test.

Because of this we have continued our pledge to provide high quality learning for children at home.

When will my child need to learn from home?

- If your child has to **self-isolate** because of coronavirus. This includes if they are asked to self-isolate by school or if they have to self-isolate because their siblings or family members have to self-isolate due to a positive test case. This will be for 14 days.
- If a child has to self-isolate as they are awaiting a test result or a family member is awaiting a test result. This will be approximately 2/3 days.
- If there's a **local lockdown** and the school is advised to partially close or your child has to shield

We will not provide home learning if: you choose to keep your child at home; your child is on holiday; your child has to quarantine after a holiday. This is because the staff in your child's class will be teaching full time. We do however advise you to use the online Remote Education Support made available from the DFE. You can use BBC Bitesize Daily and the Oak National Academy. Both provide daily lessons that have been developed in collaboration with teachers and education experts.

What's my child expected to do?

We're determined to keep all of our pupils on-track this year and make sure no one falls behind if they need to learn from home because of coronavirus.

So, we want to make sure your child can learn as much as possible at home. Home learning must reflect in-school learning as much as possible. Therefore, teachers will provide home learning which reflects the current text, topic, objectives the children are focussing on in class.

The following new guidelines cover our ideal expectations of what we'd like your child to do while learning remotely, and how we plan to support you and them. This will most likely change throughout the year as we review and evaluate the most successful strategies for home learning. We will always provide parents and carers with the updated guidance ahead of any school/class closure.

Each day we'd like your child to:

- Use their exercise book provided by school which contains instructions of how to access home learning and how work should be presented. All the log ins will be sent home to you aswell.
- Children should access the school website/google classroom or class dojo to find their daily lessons or can access this via google classroom in KS2 and class dojo in KS1 and EYFS- teachers will ensure there is appropriately planned work, videos and presentations for children to follow.
- Work for all year groups will be on the website too.
- Children should then photograph or hand in their completed work and send to their class teacher

It's important that your child engages with home learning. If they don't, we'll use the following strategies to provide additional support:

- Text Message
- Phone call home
- Home visit

What support will the school provide?

- **Regular contact with teachers**- through our website, teachers email, phone calls home etc.
- **Daily feedback**- Once your child has completed their daily work in their books, they should send a photograph of their work to their class teacher using our teacher/year group email. Teachers will feedback once they have marked the work submitted.
- If your child is working at a level significantly below age-related expectations, differentiated activities will be provided.
- We will endeavour to provide alternative access to work if you do not have Wi-Fi at home. We will be able to supply paper packs and also have some wifi dongles should you need to borrow them.

What can I do to help my child?

Create a positive environment for your child to learn at home, for example:

- **Distinguish between weekdays and weekends**, to separate school life and home life
- **Designate a working space if possible**, and at the end of the day have a clear cut-off to signal school time is over
- **Create and stick to a routine**, as this is what your child is used to at school. For example, eat breakfast at the same time each morning and make sure they're dressed before starting the 'school' day
- **Stick a timetable up on the wall** so everyone knows what they should be doing when, and tick activities off throughout the day
- **Make time for exercise and breaks** throughout the day to keep your child active

It is important that we all make a commitment to ensuring our children's education is not affected by the current situation, by following the systems in place to support your child's learning in the event of self-isolation etc.

- **Ensure your children are ready to work**- make sure they are dressed appropriately, there are no other noise distractions and that siblings are not on the screen if you are accessing a live lesson.

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