

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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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.

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?

For whole school closure and as we make the transition to remote education, your child's class teacher will create individual learning packs for each child which will include the essential resources your child will need at home as they begin to access remote learning. There may also be websites to access resources indicated and children may receive log in details for learning apps they can access at home.

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?

As a school, we endeavour to teach as closely as possible the same curriculum remotely as we do in school. However, we will make some adaptations to allow for longer completion time while your child is working independently. We are also aware that some households are sharing devices between siblings and therefore our remote learning plan will take this into account. However, we may need to make some adaptations in some subjects. For example, science or PE lessons may look different at home than they do at school. This may be due to different resources that may be available or different methods of teaching.

Learning will be timetabled to include:

Maths, English, RE, Spelling/ Phonics (which will include face to face online sessions via Microsoft Teams.), movement/ exercise and other areas of the curriculum daily.

Remote teaching and study time each day

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

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	Each day pupils at home should be engaging with approximately 3 hours of learning.
Key Stage 2	Each day pupils at home should be engaging with approximately 4 hours of learning.

Accessing remote education

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

All pupils will access remote learning via Microsoft Office 365 suite, including Microsoft Teams for live and recorded lessons/sessions.
In addition, if your child has been provided with login details for Reading Plus, Times Tables Rockstars or Spelling Shed, then they will be directed to access these platforms by their class teacher.

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:

If you require the loan of IT devices to enable your child to access remote learning at home, please do contact school at the earliest convenience so that we can arrange a device to be loaned to you.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

As a school we will include a range of approaches to remote learning, all using the Microsoft Office 365 platform.

- live teaching online via Microsoft Teams
- recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, White Rose, video/audio recordings made by teachers across a range of subjects)
- printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences

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?

- Sessions are compulsory and not voluntary. However, we are aware that you may come up against significant challenges when juggling home school with day to day work. Please talk to school to find solutions if this is the case.
- Children are expected to be up and ready for the sessions and clothed appropriately.
- Pupils are not to eat and drink while on the live sessions.
- All work is to be completed and 'Handed in' indicated via Microsoft Teams as scheduled by the class teacher.
- A lot of effort is made by the teaching staff in preparing and delivering the sessions and pupils are expected to take a full part answering and responding.
- High expectations of behaviour and demonstrating our school values are expected throughout all sessions.

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

We will check regularly (at least daily) how children are interacting with home learning. This can be done by seeing if work is uploaded, if children log on to live sessions or if pupils are engaging with learning apps such as Reading Plus when they have been directed to do so.

Where engagement is a concern, class teachers will aim to contact parents as soon as possible via telephone

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 comment on work handed in by pupils (this may be photographs of work in books or on whiteboards) via the comments section on Microsoft Teams – this will usually appear as a typed comment.

Whole class feedback may be provided on the class page.

Immediate feedback will also be provided during Live sessions.

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:

- Pupils with SEND will each receive a personalised learning pack, including a range of resources to help support their learning from home
- Additional face to face meetings will be scheduled to provide interventions for pupils with SEND, where required.
- Pre-recorded videos and voice recordings will support pupils with SEND and our younger pupils to access the learning with greater independence.
- Communication with parents and pupils will be strong and any queries and concerns addressed at the earliest opportunity.

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?

Individual isolating pupils will follow as closely as possible the arrangements as set out for whole classes or groups of pupils isolating.