



Remote Education Provision – January 2022

Remote education is to be provided under the following circumstances:

- Your child has symptoms, tests positive and must isolate
- There is a class or school closure

What will be sent home?

For full closures of a class or the school, teachers will be preparing 'remote learning' which reflect as closely as possible the learning which has happened/is happening in their class. This means that any tasks or activities which are sent home should be recognisable to the children. This learning is ready at the beginning of each week and will be emailed / send via Teams once we are informed of an isolation period.

In the infant class, a timetable of tasks including video links and information about what work should be done and how it should be returned will be emailed to parents each week. In addition to this, daily online meeting time via MSTEams will take place to ensure children are able to see their classmates and teacher regularly and take part in fun "face to face" games and tasks.

In years 3,4,5 and 6 the work will be allocated to the children each day/ week via Teams. It will be clear what work needs to be completed and how this should be returned to the teacher.

For isolation periods for individual children paper based learning packs will be provided.

At times of full school closure, while we can provide paper copies of work, we would first like to address any connectivity issues or device issues to ensure all children have access to all learning. This will include links to videos and meetings via Teams that would be accessible to those children accessing work on paper only. We ask parents to contact us to help with issues relating to devices and connectivity

Remote Learning Grids

Grids/ Teams assignments sent home will clearly show work for maths, English and other subjects. It will include an outline of the work, a video link and a clear description of what the work is, what should be completed and how it should be returned to the teacher.

Curriculum Coverage and Study Time

- Activities will relate to the learning already taking place in each class and will be supplemented with links to online resources relevant to the tasks.
- Tasks set should take approx. 3 to 4 hours to complete each day. While the set task may take less than 3/4 hours, the teacher will suggest supporting activities, investigation that will support the task. Children are encouraged to access online learning websites as self study which should be used to supplement the set tasks. Tasks will either:
 - Reinforce learning which has just taken place in class

- Consolidate or reinforce key or basic skills
- Prepare children for next steps (i.e. problem solving; research activity)
- We would expect children to complete all tasks from the grid each day (i.e. 1 maths, 1 English and 1 other) and supplement this with other online learning
- All remote learning should be supplemented with regular online self study that children have login details for as well as activities away from the screen. See additional sheet for lists of website subscriptions your child has access to.
- Guidance suggests that primary aged children should engage in learning for 3 hours per day in KS1 and 4 hours a day in KS2
- Learning will be a combination of independent written work, online learning and other activities sometimes away from the screen. Children do not need full time access to a mobile device (i.e. one device could be shared between siblings)
- Being active while doing remote learning is more difficult and teachers will ensure active tasks make up part of the timetable of tasks.

In the case of a full closure

- Where there is a class, or whole school closure (where teachers are not also teaching), the detailed learning grids / Teams work described above will be in place.
- Grids/ Teams work will follow the structure laid out above, and will include links to individual online resources, recorded lessons or video clips to supplement learning. *For example: the mental maths task may include a link to a White Rose lesson which will provide additional challenge task*
- *Please note that in the event that your child's class teacher is unable to provide detailed grids as a result of illness, other teachers will endeavour to provide work to a suitable quality to provide grids to the standard laid out above.*

In case of individual isolation

In the event of a single child self isolating, the class teachers will still be engaged in full time teaching. Paper based work will be sent home as a pack at the beginning of the isolation period and should be returned at the end of the period of isolation. This work will reflect as closely as possible the topics being covered in the class by the rest of the children

Accessing remote learning

- For infants , Learning grids will be emailed to parents at the start of an isolation period, or weekly throughout a class/school closure
- For years 3,4, 5 and 6 Teams work will be set daily via your child's log in
- As stated earlier, tasks are a combination of practical and online learning. Work can be accessed on screen but completed on paper to prevent the need for lots of ringing if access to a printer is a barrier for families. Please contact school if you require some paper to complete the work onto.
- Where children do not have a device suitable for online access at home, we will use guidance provided, and resources available to support this. Parents should contact us about this to make arrangements.
- We will also make paper-based resources available for collection from school, if this is a preferred option for some families.

Returning work / feedback

- Some work completed can be submitted by email (class teachers will provide details of email addresses within their email to you)
- Some work will be returned via Teams

- Paper based work should be returned to school at the end of an isolation period (or throughout) for teachers to check and provide individual feedback.
- Early Years and infant parents can provide evidence of learning and comments through completed work emailed back to the class teacher . The teacher will provide details within their learning grids of other ways that work can be shared with the teacher i.e email/ Facebook
- Teachers will monitor their children’s access to learning and progress in online learning (Mathletics/ Bug club/ Teams etc.) through their own teacher admin access. They will assess the work that is returned in order to inform the next steps in planning.

Expectations for engagement

- It is expected that children will complete the required learning each day and parents can support this by setting a routine or timetable
- Work completed should be returned to school, and will be marked, with feedback to children. For work returned via email , feedback will be via email, work returned on paper will receive feedback via discussion with your child back in school. The usual systems of rewards and praise will be in place throughout the closure/ isolation period to motivate and reward children’s efforts.
- Teachers will maintain email contact with parents throughout the week in the event of a closure – times may be limited if they are also teaching
- Staff will make telephone contact with each of their families once per week - during a full closure – this will not be possible if they are also teaching
- Where additional support is requested from parents, we will do our best to provide this through additional contact

Next steps

For any further information regarding remote learning please do not hesitate to contact school via email in the first instance. P3183.admin@durhamlearning.net