



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ABOUT REMOTE LEARNING

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Abstract

Discovery Trust schools have added this to their websites (by 25 January 2021) to support understanding of what pupils, parents and carers, should expect during periods of school closure or pupil isolation relating to coronavirus (COVID-19).

This document should be read alongside the school's contingency plan and the home learning document.



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.

What should my child expect from immediate remote education in the first day or two of pupils being sent home?

During the first few days of immediate remote education our teaching staff will need time to plan and prepare the remote learning lessons therefore for the first day or two you should expect your child to be sent home with the following:

| EYFS | KS1 | KS2 |
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| <p>Microsoft Teams</p> <p>List of practical learning tasks linked to the curriculum to complete at home, these will include maths and phonics activities.</p> <p>Online conversation (live) with the teacher or the teaching assistant and some other children from the class (small group contact) 10 minutes max.</p> <p>Whole class story at the end of each day – online using Microsoft Teams platform. This will be read by the class teacher or the class teaching assistant.</p> | <p>Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Home learning workbook</p> <p>(See Microsoft Teams Parent support pdf attached)</p> <p>Please login to the learning platform to access the learning for your child.</p> <p>Online story-time will be set at the end of each day. A link will be sent out by your class teacher and listed in your online classroom in Microsoft Teams.</p> | <p>Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Home learning workbook</p> <p>The learning tasks will be set on Microsoft Teams in the form of an assignment.</p> <p>(See Microsoft Teams Parent support pdf attached)</p> <p>Please login to the learning platform to access the learning for your child.</p> <p>Online story-time will be set at the end of each day. A link will be sent out by your class teacher and listed in your online classroom in Microsoft Teams.</p> |

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?





We will teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate. However, we have needed to make some adaptations in some subjects. For example:

- Live lessons will be shorter than a normal face to face lesson in the classroom. Online lesson structures are very different to a traditional lesson, teachers need to balance the screen time, concentration levels and the learning task to create the correct level of engagement for all of their learners in a remote education situation.
- Morning lessons will be live or pre-recorded and the children will be taught by their teacher in either format.
- The format of the afternoon lessons will vary slightly but the lessons will still be linked to the same curriculum. The learning may appear in the form of pre-recorded lessons by the Oak Academy or by your child’s class teacher alternatively the lesson may require some independent learning time and your child may be asked to find their learning tasks on the learning platform instead.
- Occasionally, your child may also be taught by another teacher from another school in our Trust during remote learning situations. If this happens, you will be notified by your class teacher and your child will be made aware of the changes.

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: Primary school-aged pupils are expected to work remotely at home for the minimum of **3 hours per day**. This expectation has been set by the DfE. We will be monitoring children’s engagement with remote learning and the school will contact you if your child is not accessing the lessons on the learning platforms. The class teacher will call if they notice a lack of work being submitted or a persistent absence from online live lessons and if this continues then a member of the Senior Leadership Team will send a letter and request an online/face to face meeting with you to discuss the matter further. Our expectation is:

| EYFS | KS1 | KS2 |
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| <p>Morning welcome (Live on Teams) Learning videos on Tapestry to watch and tasks to complete Reading Daily reading at home Phonics Daily lesson with teacher (pre-recorded and live) Maths Daily lesson (live)</p> | <p>Morning Welcome (Live on Teams) Morning lessons: Number bonds & Timetables Numbots/TTRS online platform (15 minutes) Maths Live lesson with teacher (lesson 20 minutes) and learning task (20 minutes) on Tapestry or Teams (40 minutes) English</p> | <p>Morning Welcome (Live on Teams) Morning lessons: Arithmetic TTRS and Century Tech platform (20 minutes) Maths Live lesson with teacher (lesson 30 minutes) and learning task (30 minutes) on Tapestry or Teams (1 hour) English</p> |



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| <p>Themed Learning Tasks set on learning platform linked to EYFS curriculum</p> <p>Daily Story Time (Live session on Teams or Pre-recorded on Tapestry)</p> | <p>Live lesson with teacher (lesson 20 minutes) and learning task (20 minutes) on Tapestry or Teams (40 minutes)</p> <p>Spelling (15 minutes)</p> <p>Afternoon lessons (The subjects will vary every afternoon. They might be live, pre-recorded or set on another platform):</p> <p>Reading (20 minutes)</p> <p>Topic/Science/IT (30 minutes)</p> <p>Story (Live on Teams) (20 minutes)</p> | <p>Live lesson with teacher (lesson 30 minutes) and learning task (30 minutes) on Tapestry or Teams (1 hour)</p> <p>Spelling (20 minutes)</p> <p>Afternoon lessons (The subjects will vary every afternoon. They might be live, pre-recorded or set on another platform):</p> <p>Reading and Reading Comprehension (40 minutes)</p> <p>Topic/Science/IT (40 minutes)</p> <p>Story (Live on Teams) (20 minutes)</p> |
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These times will vary according to the lesson and the type of learning activity.

Accessing remote education

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

The children will bring home a home learning pack if they have to access remote learning. The pack will contain all of login/password details for the learning platforms listed below.

| EYFS | KS1 | KS2 |
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| Microsoft Teams | Microsoft Teams Numbots | Microsoft Teams TTRS Accelerated Reader Century Tech |

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:

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| How will you issue or lend laptops or tablets to pupils, and where parents or carers can find more information? | You must contact the school office and notify us immediately. We have a number of loan devices that are used for remote learning situations. There is a limited amount. When you borrow a device, you will be asked to fill in and sign a loan agreement. Once you sign the agreement, you are agreeing to be responsible for a school device. It is the property of the school and therefore loss, theft or |
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| | <p>damage may be dealt with by outside authorities/agencies (police) in extreme cases. The digital device must be returned to school as soon as your child returns.</p> <p>Please find more information on our school website on the EdTech page or contact the school office.</p> |
| How you will issue or lend devices that enable an internet connection (for example, routers or dongles), and where parents or carers can find more information | If you do not have access to an internet connection at home, please contact the school office. |
| How pupils can access any printed materials needed if they do not have online access | <p>Our aim is to give online access to every child in a remote learning situation. If you do not have access, please contact the school so that we can provide the correct devices.</p> <p>Printed materials will not provide the best access to learning for your child and they will miss out on the teacher input. If you need to discuss this further, please speak to your class teacher or a member of staff in the school office.</p> |
| How pupils can submit work to their teachers if they do not have online access | <p>Please read the information listed above.</p> <p>Contact the school.</p> |

Please be aware that we will contact you if your child is not accessing the learning remotely.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

Some examples of remote teaching approaches:

- live teaching (online lessons)
- recorded teaching (e.g., Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- reading books pupils have at home
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences

| EYFS | KS1 | KS2 |
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| <p>BBC Bite-size - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons</p> <p>Oxford Owl Website - https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/user/sign_up.html</p> | <p>BBC Bite-size - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons</p> <p>Daily Lessons on Teams – https://teams.microsoft.com</p> <p>Oak Academy Website - https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/</p> | <p>BBC Bite-size - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons</p> <p>Daily Lessons on Teams – https://teams.microsoft.com</p> <p>Oak Academy Website - https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/</p> |

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| | <p>White Rose Website - https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-4/</p> <p>Oxford Owl Website - https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/user/sign_up.html</p> | <p>White Rose Website - https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-4/</p> <p>NCTEM - https://www.ncetm.org.uk/resources/54454</p> <p>Accelerated Reader Website - https://ukhosted83.renlearn.co.uk/6650566/</p> <p>Century Tech Website - https://app.century.tech/login</p> <p>Oxford Owl Website - https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/user/sign_up.html</p> |
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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?

Roles and Responsibilities (Children)

Maintain your excellent progress at school by:

- Dedicating appropriate time to learning, your teacher will give you guidance to time expectations
- Check (platform to be agreed) to understand your teachers’ expectations of what you are learning and what you need to produce
- When you are working at home make sure you choose a quiet space free from distractions (such as TV)
- Remember you should still do your own work! Parents/helpers can **help** but not do the work for you
- Keep healthy habits and take breaks away from devices between scheduled lessons
- No eating. You may have a drink at the table
- Be dressed in your clothes not your pyjamas
- Be at the table where possible
- When you are learning in a Teams lesson make sure that you blur your background
- If you cannot blur your background, then make sure you are sitting with a blank wall behind you
- In a live Teams lesson put your mic on mute until your teacher asks you a question
- In a live Teams lesson keep your camera on
- In a live Teams lesson use the ‘raise your hand’ icon if you want to ask a question
- When you are learning in a live lesson be polite and use your manners
- Only use the learning platform between 7am and 8pm

- If you have a set of headphones with a mic, wear them to stop distractions when you are learning online

| Questions related to: | Contact: | Typical Response Time |
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| Your learning | Class/specialist teacher – use Microsoft Teams | 12 hours |
| Technology | ICT help desk | 48 hours |
| Any other issue related to distance learning | Headteacher | 72 hours |

Roles and Responsibilities (Parents)

Support your child/ren in their learning by:

- Consider the age of their child- adjust home learning environment to suit their educational needs.
- Providing an environment conducive to learning (access to technology, safe and quiet space during daytime).
- Engaging in conversations on posted materials, assignments.
- Respect that teachers will respond in a reasonable time frame but will not be instantly available.
- Monitoring time spent engaging in online and offline learning, including variables like that of preferred learning times (morning, afternoon, evening)
- Support emotional balance by providing ample room and time for reflection, physical activity, conversation, and play.
- Monitor their access
- Provide a learning space
- Ensure they fully engage and follow expectation

| Questions related to: | Contact: | Typical Response Time |
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| Your child's learning | Class/specialist teacher – use Microsoft Teams | 24 hours |
| Technology | ICT helpdesk | 48 hours |
| Any other issue related to distance learning | Headteacher | 72 hours |

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



The school will run a daily check because every child will be expected to sign in using a daily online register. These will be checked and monitored by the class teacher. The class teacher will also be contacting your child every morning with a daily check in call on Microsoft Teams.

The learning platforms also monitor every child’s usage, and this will be checked every week by the school’s senior leadership team.

If your child is not accessing the remote learning a member of staff will contact, you. We will do our best to work with you and your child to find the best solution to learning remotely online.

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. Feedback also takes place during times of online social interaction and by forming learning relationships with the children. Our approach to feeding back on pupil work is as follows:

| EYFS | KS1 | KS2 |
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| <p>Teams Typed message in your child’s class Team</p> | <p>Teams Typed message in your child’s class Team Assignments – marked weekly Audio file Teacher video clip</p> | <p>Teams Typed message in your child’s class Team Assignments – marked weekly Audio file Teacher video clip Poll Quiz Questionnaire Photographs/Video</p> |

Teachers will also be in regular contact with your child throughout the week and therefore will be using verbal feedback on some occasions too.

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. Therefore, please be aware that children with SEND will only be asked to learn in a remote learning situation in very extreme cases and we will do our best to continue to educate them in a school setting as all schools were advised to do in the first lockdown scenario. 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:

Children will continue to be supported by our inclusion department throughout the period of the remote learning. This may take the form of 1:1 mentoring/contact (Teachers and TAs) or specific learning activities set by the Inclusion team. Where your child receives additional support from the inclusion team, please be





mindful of your child's workload and consider that they may not be able to access all the lesson content in any given day.

- Children will access their specific learning activities through Microsoft Teams.
- Inclusion interventions will be made available for example: a child may have access to the following interventions, maths, English, phonics, social skills, fine motor, specific SEND work linked to their personalised learning timetable and other enrichment sessions.
- Inclusion teachers will provide feedback to children and parents with regards to the work they have submitted via the telephone, Microsoft Teams, video chat and emails.
- The Inclusion team will work closely with the class teachers to ensure that misconceptions from classroom work can be addressed and additional activities and guidance can be provided.
- The inclusion team will provide their contact details for ongoing communication between children and families.

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?

| EYFS | KS1 | KS2 |
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| Children will be able to access live and pre-recorded phonics and maths lessons (daily) | The maths and English lessons will be live streamed so that your child can access them at home | Assignments will be set on Microsoft Teams |
| Story time Live access to the daily story on MS Teams platform | Some lessons will be pre-recorded for your child to access | Some lessons will be pre-recorded for your child to access |
| | Some lessons will be signposted to the Oak academy – same curriculum just a different teacher | Some lessons will be signposted to the Oak academy – same curriculum just a different teacher |
| | Teachers will contact your child twice per week via MS Teams for a learning conversation | Teachers will contact your child twice per week via MS Teams for a learning conversation |
| | Story time | Story time Live access to the daily story on MS Teams platform |





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Leicestershire County Schools:

Kibworth C of E Primary School – Lead EdTech School
 Ashfordby Captain’s Close Primary School
 Enderby Danemill Primary School
 Farndon Fields Primary School
 Fossebrook Primary School
 Greystoke Primary School
 Parklands Primary School
 Redlands Primary School
 Woollen Hill Primary School

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| <u>Miss Tracey Lawrence</u> | Headteacher |
| <u>Mrs Nikki Matthew</u> | Headteacher |
| <u>Mrs Kathie Wade</u> | Headteacher |
| <u>Mrs Ronnie Richardson</u> | Headteacher |
| <u>Mrs Jo Andrews</u> | Headteacher |
| <u>Mrs Michelle Tobin</u> | Headteacher |
| <u>Mrs Candi Norman</u> | Head of School |

Leicester City Schools:

Braunstone Primary School
 Merrydale Junior School
 Mowmacre Primary School

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| <u>Mr Halil Tamgumus</u> | Headteacher |
| <u>Mrs Catrina Mugglestone</u> | Headteacher |
| <u>Mr Matthew Peet</u> | Headteacher |

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