



Orchard Way Primary School

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 where national or 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?

Google Classroom continues to be used when the children are in school and therefore is ready to be used by the children as soon as they are sent home. They will initially continue with classwork planned by the teacher.

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 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, in science, the lesson inputs are knowledge based as the children may not have the resources or skills to conduct enquiries at home.

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	3 hours
Key Stage 2	4 hours

Accessing remote education

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

Remote learning is provided on Google Classroom and has been set up so that individuals outside our organisation cannot access the platform. Children login in with their individual *@orchardwayprimary.school* username and meet their teacher using the specific “Meet Link”.

If my child does not have digital or online access at home, how will you support them to access remote education?

Orchard Way Primary School is committed to providing remote education to children who do not have access to their own device or online access. Device loans are provided (laptop or ipad) and where children have limited online access the school will arrange a dongle or router and Wi-Fi. Parents/carers should notify the school office or the Headteacher if this is the case.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- live teaching (online lessons)
- pastoral “Google Meets” daily
- recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences e.g MyMaths, Phonics Play and Purple Mash.
- long-term project work and/or internet research activities where age appropriate e.g Year 4-Year 6. Directly instructed by the teacher using a search engine such as Kiddle to support safeguarding and online safety.

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?

It is expected that all children engage with the remote learning offer and communicate if they are having difficulties with the content or technology. Children and parents have direct communication with the class teacher through email, Google Classroom and the daily Google Meet to raise any concerns.

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

The teachers will meet with the children everyday and discuss the learning from the previous day. The learning is submitted on Google Classroom or via email and the school will contact those children who do not engage. Initially contact will be made by the office to ensure that the child has access to a device and arrange a device loan if they do not. Subsequently parents will be contacted by the class teacher.

If there continues to be a lack of engagement parents/carers will be contacted by the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

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:

- praise
- learning comments
- scores
- shared "good example" in the daily Google Meet.

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:

In the first instance, the school will work with parents to provide a place within the on-site provision. Where the child cannot attend we will work with parents/carers to provide adapted learning activities and provide support from our specialist SEN Assistant.

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?

Your child's class teacher will upload their classwork onto the Google Classroom. You can contact them via the @orchardwayprimary.school Gmail address if you have any questions.

Please allow the teachers sufficient time to respond as they will be teaching during the school day.