



Belmont Cheveley Park Primary School: Plans for Remote Learning

Information for Parents: Updated 28th January 2021

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?

The school will endeavour to ensure that remote education provision will be made available immediately and we will endeavour to:

- provide all children with an exercise book that they can use for their daily writing and any other paper-based activities that they do at home. Should you require pens / pencils or any other equipment please let us know
- Staff will ensure that all children understand how to access the school's online learning platform (age appropriate) and support any parents/carers who struggle with this
- Staff will provide login details for the various different learning platforms / APPs which will be used to support home learning

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?

Our school will endeavour to:

- teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate
- provide a curriculum sequence that allows access to high-quality online and offline resources and teaching videos that are linked to the school's curriculum expectations
- give access to high quality remote education resources
- work with families to deliver a broad and ambitious curriculum

- set assignments so that pupils have meaningful and ambitious work each day in a number of different subjects
- teach a planned and well-sequenced curriculum so that knowledge and skills are built incrementally, with a good level of clarity about what is intended to be taught and practised in each subject
- provide / signpost families to online, high quality lessons, videos and resources
- ensure all resources and lessons provided, link to current curriculum objectives within their classroom
- ensure work for each day is uploaded at least the day before
- provide paper-based resources for all subjects / maths and English / foundation subjects, if the child has no internet access at home

If one or more class bubbles need to close, or if the whole school closes or goes into local/national lockdown, the school will fulfil all of the above criteria and in addition:

- provide weekly welfare calls (if the closure exceeds two school weeks)
- operate timely reward systems to celebrate home achievements
- adapt upcoming lesson provision based on the children's work submitted the previous days
- review the remote learning provision for foundation subjects e.g. providing videos
- provide weekly assembly time for each class from YR to Y6

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 a day on average across the cohort, with less for younger children
Key Stage 2	4 hours a day

Accessing remote education

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

- Staff will ensure that all children understand how to access the school's online learning platforms (age appropriate) and support any parents/carers who struggle with this
- School will provide login details for our communication system (Teams, Purple Mash, gmail accounts, closed Facebook pages, school Facebook page) and ensure all parents/carers are able to access it and login. School will provide parents/carers acceptable use guidelines for this

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

It is expected that children will access most of our remote learning through our online provision. If parents/carers do not have access to an electronic device, we expect them to inform school and we will endeavour to provide laptop for the duration of their child's absence.

We take the following approaches to support those pupils to access remote education:

- We have a number of devices available to loan to families who do not have access to a suitable device. For further information please contact the main school office
- We can support parents with gaining additional data from the DfE
- If needed, pupils can access printed materials if they do not have online access

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- tasks set using online platforms such as Purple Mash, Mathletics, Bug Club, Spelling Frame, Times Table Rockstars, closed Facebook pages, Spag.com etc.
- tasks set and emailed to parents
- printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- textbooks and reading books pupils have at home
- 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?

Parents should endeavour to support children's remote learning by creating a positive environment for their child to learn, for example:

- Distinguish between weekdays and weekends, to separate school life and home life
- At the end of the day, have a clear cut-off to signal school time is over.
- Create and stick to a routine
- Provide the correct equipment in order for your child to complete the work given
- Designate a working space if possible
- Make time for exercise and breaks throughout the day to keep your child active
- Reinforce the importance of children staying safe online
- Be aware of what your child is being asked to do, including: sites they will be asked to use and the school staff your child will interact with
- Emphasise the importance of a safe online environment. Set age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and use internet filters to block malicious websites. These are usually free, but often need to be turned on
- Encourage your child to work to the best of their ability and praise their efforts
- Encourage and support children to access remote education daily

- Encourage and support children to keep up with the work set by school each day
- Contact school if they are experiencing problems with accessing remote education
- support children, where possible, to consider feedback on work submitted

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

If an individual child or a small number of children need to isolate, the school will endeavour to:

- check children's engagement with remote education daily
- contact parents where there is a concern regarding engagement with remote education

If one or more class bubbles need to close, or if the whole school closes or goes into local/national lockdown, the school will fulfil all of the above criteria and in addition:

- respond to parents' messages (that conform to the messaging protocol) within school working hours 8:30am – 4:30pm
- contact parents/carers following no work submission or contact through messaging
- provide weekly welfare calls (if the closure exceeds two school weeks)
- operate timely reward systems to celebrate home achievements

How will you assess my child's work and progress?

If an individual child or a small number of children need to isolate, the school will endeavour to:

- provide individual feedback of work submitted via the online learning platform
- provide individual feedback on paper-based work via telephone call / on return to school
- provide access to digital learning platforms that provide automatic bespoke feedback
- assess children's understanding of remote education / key knowledge and skills covered on return to school.

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For those without internet access:

- where possible, pupils will receive feedback on their work via a pre-arranged telephone call twice weekly / daily / weekly
- pupils will submit work to their teachers and receive feedback, in person, following the period of isolation

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:

- our SENCo will make contact with individual families to discuss their child's remote learning
- your child's class teacher / the Teaching Assistant who supports your child / school will make contact, via telephone in the first instance, to discuss a bespoke approach for your child
- your child will receive a bespoke paper-based pack of learning materials – if this is more suitable than the online tasks
- your child / family will receive regular phone calls from their class teacher and SENCo

Remote education for individual 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. We have endeavoured to provide information regarding this above. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher

Further Support Available

If parents / carers have any questions or concerns about remote learning, they should contact their child's class teacher initially. This could be done either by:

- sending a message via the gmail system (if this has been returned to a two-way means of communication between teachers and parents)
- sending a message via the main school office email address:
cheveleypark@durhamlearning.net
- calling the main school office (if the school is still open) on 01913869494

If parents / carers have issues with behaviour – contact the relevant class teacher / Positive Futures Worker (Lily Morris) or Nichola Tobin via an email to the school office.

If parents / carers have issues with IT – contact the school office.

If parents / carers have concerns about safeguarding – talk to the Designated Safeguarding Leads, Amy Goodwin or Nichola Tobin, (either by email or phone).

If parents / carers have concerns about SEND – contact Helen Wright via an email to the main school office.

If parents / carers have issues with their own workload or wellbeing – contact Amy Goodwin or Lily Morris (Parent Support Advisor) by contacting school (either by email to the main office address or by phone).

If parents / carers have concerns about data protection – contact the Data Protection Officer, Darren Hobson, by emailing the main school email address (the message will be forwarded to him).

School staff will always endeavour to reply as quickly as possible to any messages they receive. However, please bear in mind that school life can be incredibly busy and whilst every effort will be made to reply to or acknowledge messages, there may be a slight delay on occasion. Similarly, if staff are also self-isolating / working from home they may have commitments which prevent them from responding immediately. Additionally, please do not expect a reply to any messages sent after 4pm or on a weekend as teachers will not be able to reply.

While we will endeavour to implement the steps outlined above, there may be circumstances beyond the control of the school that could impact on provision. For example, levels of staff absence or temporary technical difficulties.

We will make every effort in the event of children having to access learning remotely, to maintain a high standard of communication with children and parents, to provide a varied and engaging curriculum for all and to continue to be here for our families.

As time goes on, our home learning offer will develop and evolve in order to be the most effective it can be. We thank you for your continued support and understanding with this.

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