

Wansdyke 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 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?

Initially we will send a paper pack of initial tasks with instructions

In the first days, teachers will give instructions and set work through our school's communications system/online platform. If your child is too ill to complete the work assigned, please inform the class 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, if a sensitive topic is being taught in a lesson, we will wait until the child returns to continue teaching it. PE and other practical subjects like Science, Art and DT will need to be adapted to allow delivery to be successful. The school may need to use national online teaching resources through Oak Academy and BBC bitesize to support the delivery of the curriculum.

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	<p>We will set work that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school, and as a minimum 3 hours a day, on average, across the school cohort.</p> <p>This will be delivered through 'live' interactions with the teacher and through follow up activities for completion on the school platform add here</p>
----------------------------	--

Accessing remote education

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

Pupils will be set tasks, be provided with resources for recorded lesson etc and these will be uploaded onto our school platform. Packs will also be made available at the school office / gates for those families who do not have the capacity to print. Pupils will also need access to Zoom for a daily class assembly should the entire class be accessing remote education

Multiple platforms online platforms will supplement this with Professor Assessor and other online resources.

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:

We will endeavour to provide access to pupils who have none; this may take a few days to organise so if waiting, please let your child's teacher know you need paper resources.

The school will utilise the support available through the DfE's 'Get help with technology during coronavirus (COVID-19)' scheme. Under the scheme, the school can order laptops, tablets and 4G wireless routers to support the following groups of pupils if they do not have access to a digital device or the internet through other means:

Children in all year groups who are unable to access remote education whilst attending school on a hospital site, before distributing devices, the school will ensure:

- The devices are set up to access remote education.
- Appropriate safeguarding controls and support are in place to help students and their families use the devices safely.

Who to contact if no IT access

Covid19@wansdyke.wilts.sch.uk

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

What remote learning could include

Please note that we have a 'blended' approach to remote learning. This means that some lessons will be taught remotely through recorded lessons and some lessons will be tasks set to be completed independently and submitted through Seesaw. We have made this decision carefully to ensure pupils are not on a screen all day; this has been proven to be detrimental to their wellbeing. We also want to provide flexibility for families with multiple children or limited devices / bandwidth.

Methods of teaching include:

- Directed remote teaching through pre-recorded lessons
- Tasks set on Seesaw to be completed independently

Learning to take place using, but not limited to:

- Resources (learning packs on paper, electronic)
- Seesaw annotations and phot uploading

The teacher will offer:

- Directed teaching
- Support (1-2-1 / small group / whole class) if needed
- Guidance (video to the class / year group)
- Assessment and monitoring opportunities
- Additional worksheets
- Daily assembly events
- Daily reading opportunities
- Telephone calls
- Email support

The teacher will oversee the setting of work and act as the link between home and school in the event of an isolated pupil being away from school (for example, isolating because of a family member). Please contact your child's teacher if you have any queries in the first instance.

How the recorded lessons will be organised

- They will receive a timetable for the day/week to show what is being delivered via Seesaw. Videos will be linked via the Activities section of the app.
- Teachers will record and narrate Powerpoints / SMART notebook presentations for the and set work to be completed
- Teachers will remain available for support through Seesaw or via email

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?

We thank parents / carers in advance for supporting the school in ensuring your child behaves accordingly in remote learning.

Before Zoom assemblies, we ask that pupils and parents read the acceptable use policy

Parents can support by:

- Contacting their child's teacher if work appears to have not been set, or the work is too much or too little, or if you have any queries etc.
- Providing a quiet place for their child to work
- Ensuring they have IT access – contact us if help needed, see above
- Encourage your child to engage with both live lessons and the tasks set on Seesaw
- Ensure they keep in touch with friends socially – via safe and appropriate means you are happy with
- Keeping your child physically active if they are not in school – a Youtube workout, for example!

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

If a pupil does not attend the class assembly, teachers will make a note of this.

Teachers will check on the engagement of the pupil during the activities so far as is possible. Pupils are expected to participate in the lesson and complete all tasks set by the teacher for the class around the lesson.

The teacher will contact parents when we are concerned by non-attendance or non-completion of tasks. The school will also be tracking who has collected printed packs.

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:

Teachers will check work completed on Seesaw. Pupils should upload their responses to the Activity tab.

Teachers will upload answers for follow up worksheets linked to the maths lessons. Additional feedback may also be through Seesaw. This should include a range of emoji's, short comments, longer personal comments and recorded feedback.

Pupils who bring back in physical work back into school will be provided. Our teachers have many strategies to work out how a child is progressing and what they needed to go back over with a teacher face to face.

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:

For SEND support, please contact our SENCO, Miss Carly Walsh

Teaching Assistants will support all EHCP/most vulnerable (SEN support) remotely and check in with phone calls to support both students and parents. Work will be differentiated if necessary for lower ability students as necessary so it is achievable. If a student needs to have work adapted and cannot access it, please contact Miss Walsh via the school office.

Remote education for self-isolating pupils

If my child is not in school because they are self-isolating, how will their remote education differ from the approaches described above?

Where individual pupils need to self-isolate but the majority of their peer group remains in school, the 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 a partial year group closure occurs or individuals isolate, we are currently developing plans to ensure they receive remote based learning.

There will always be tasks set through Seesaw in the first instance that students can complete, that will match the curriculum their peers in school are doing. We will also try to talk through with parents any work set to help them support their child.

Keeping children safe and remote education

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy has been updated during the national lockdown to include provisions for keeping students safe during the coronavirus pandemic. We will continue to follow these procedures for students who remain at home, where appropriate, until all students are able to return to school. Our teachers have been briefed about keeping students safe online.

We will continue to ensure that:

- The best interests of pupils always come first.
- If anyone in the school has a safeguarding concern about a child, they act immediately.
- A Designated Safeguarding Lead is always available

Staff and students will only communicate via Seesaw and the Zoom assembly (for whole cohort isolations)

During remote teaching:

- Teachers will only use established and secure software

- Teachers will ensure that their lesson content is only accessible to students involved in the lesson, and that student identity is not shared with a wider audience.

If you have any concerns about your child's safety during remote learning periods, please contact Mr Sam Heard or Miss Hannah Knight

This remote learning plan should be read in conjunction with the business continuity plan and the Acorn remote learning plan, both available on the school website