# Home - Newdigate C of E Endowed Infant SchoolRemote 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 document.

## 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?

We will send home a list of suggested activities for the first two days. These will include getting a workspace and resources ready as well as activities linked to our current topic. It will also include accessing our online learning platforms. (Education City, and Oxford Owls ebook library)

### 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 provide the same curriculum remotely as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate. However, we may need to make some adaptations in some subjects. For example, our Forest School, Art and music sessions – we may adapt the activities/suggest alternative activities to reflect the limitations in terms of resources. Some Maths activities may differ due to the limited availability of resources 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:

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| Key Stage 1(this includes learning activities from a range of subjects and also includes talk based and play based learning, physical activity, outdoor learning and worships)  | Approximately 3 hours per day for Year 2Approximately 2 hours per day for Year 1Up to 2 hours per day for Reception  |

## Accessing remote education

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

* Marvellous Me
* Oxford Owls ebook library
* Education City
* White Rose teaching videos
* BBC bitesize videos
* Oak Academy
* You-Tube clips
* Educational websites
* Charanga Music

### 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 have the potential of loaning a laptop. Certain criteria apply. Please contact the school office for further information.
* We have the potential to support enabling an internet connection. (e.g. routers, or dongles) For more information please contact the school office.
* If no online access is available to you, we can post all home learning plans and resources.
* To submit work with no online access, we suggest posting work on a fortnightly basis. A teacher will then call the parent and child to give verbal feedback.

### How will my child be taught remotely?

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

* Weekly planning overview with links, suggested websites and ideas
* live teaching for some groups (where children would normally receive additional support in school, be part of intervention groups or are on the SEND register)
* live sessions – e.g. teaching and story sessions
* recorded teaching (White Rose for Maths, P.E sessions – yoga and exercise, Phonics teaching – RWI Ruth Miscon, Values Worship – Head Teacher, Diocesan weekly worship)
* Resource packs (resources that may help support learning at home – e.g. whiteboards, pens, hundred squares, number lines and worksheets)
* Collins ebooks for daily reading
* Education City for all subjects

## 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?

Children should have a quiet space to work, with the equipment that they need for each session. We ask that your child has a good breakfast and gets dressed by 9am so that they are ready for the day. Children should attempt as many of the learning tasks as possible and is reasonable for your family’s individual circumstances. Please make it manageable and achievable for your child and family. Preferably, children should be accessing learning daily. This will however involve a mixture of focused core subject learning time and outdoor, physical and talk based learning.

Children at infant level need regular breaks from learning and should be as active as possible in the day. Routine is crucial to young children as well as setting out clear expectations and a clear timetable. Your child will find it much easier to manage their day and their emotions if there is some kind of structure in place. The afternoons will probably be much more flexible than the mornings.

* expectations for pupils’ engagement with remote education
* expectations of parental support, for example, setting routines to support your child’s education

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

We ask that you upload any learning or pictures of learning to our online communication platform, Famly for Year R, and Padlet for Year 1 and 2. You may choose to do this once or twice a week or daily if that is more convenient. You may want to give us some brief information on any talk based, practical or physical learning that your child has taken part in. We will respond with a brief comment, giving praise and feedback. Most of our feedback is verbal at infant level so it would not be appropriate for us to provide lengthy detailed feedback that children cannot read or engage with well. We may also respond with individual or whole class feedback via Marvellous Me.

If we are concerned about engagement in learning, we will offer a telephone consultation to see what additional support we can offer. Depending on the response to support, we may follow this up with weekly phone calls or a weekly email. If you are concerned about your child’s engagement, you can contact us via the office email or call us. We will respond to any concerns within a 24hr period.

### 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:

We will assess your child’s work and progress predominantly via our online communication platforms Famly for Year R, and Padlet for Year 1 and 2. You will be able to upload your child’s learning, offering any comments on learning that you think are relevant (e.g. how confidently they completed the activity/whether they completed the activity independently or with help, if they completed the work with enthusiasm.) We will respond with brief feedback that you can give directly to your child. In addition to this, we may offer you some advice and support on your child’s progress and suggest ideas to move your child’s learning forward. Where appropriate we will use two ticks for things your child has done well and T for target – for your child’s next step.

Feedback on work uploaded will be given, at a minimum, twice a week.

## 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 those children who are not able to access remote education without a high level of support, we will contact you to offer regular online live support from a teacher or teaching assistant. We will make regular phone calls or contact you via email to check on your child’s ongoing needs and may offer extra, adapted resources to support the learning further.

* how you work with families to deliver remote education for pupils with SEND
* if you teach primary school-aged pupils, how you work with families to deliver remote education for younger pupils, for example those in reception and year 1

## 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?

If your child is self-isolating, we will continue to provide remote learning by sending out a two-week plan for your child to access at home. Most of our online platforms will still be able to be accessed (e.g. Collins ebooks, Education City, Purple Mash and Charanga). In addition to this, your child will have access to pre-recorded videos. The links for this will be on the two-week learning plan or will be sent out via ParentMail. The learning will follow our curriculum for that half term and will be topic led. The hours of learning provided will mimic our above remote learning offer. You will be able to send in your child’s learning via the class emails and your teacher will respond with feedback and advice on progression within a 24hr period. Marvellous Me will also be used to respond to children’s learning at home. A pre-recorded story will be sent out each week as well as a beginning and end of the week pre-recorded check in.