

WHITLEY AND EGGBOROUGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



REMOTE LEARNING POLICY

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1. Aims

This remote learning policy for staf aims to:

- Ensure consistency in the approach to remote learning for pupils who aren't in school
- Set out expectations for all members of the school community with regards to remote learning
- Provide appropriate guidelines for data protection
- Ensure pupils unable to attend school remain fully included within the school community.
- Continue to ensure that every child receives the best education the school can provide them
- Ensure that remote education is integrated in the curriculum so it is an essential part of the school curriculum, alongside classroom teaching, or in the case of a local lockdown.

2. Roles and responsibilities

Senior leaders

Alongside any teaching responsibilities, senior leaders are responsible for:

- Co-ordinating the remote learning approach across the school.
- Monitoring the effectiveness of remote learning.
- Monitoring the security of remote learning systems, including data protection and safeguarding considerations.

Designated safeguarding Lead

The DSL is responsible for: Safeguarding concerns, including those related to Remote Learning
Please refer to the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

Teachers / Teaching Assistants

When providing remote learning, teachers must be available between 9 - 12.15 pm & 1.15 -3.15 pm on their working days.

If they're unable to work for any reason during this time, for example due to sickness or caring for a dependent, they should report this using the normal absence procedure.

When providing remote learning, teachers are responsible for:

Setting work –

- Teachers will provide learning for their current class. The amount of work they need to provide is daily Maths and English lessons plus 3/4 lessons for foundation subjects each week. Daily phonics lessons will be planned for KS1 and SPAG lessons for KS2.
- Teachers will use resources provide by the Oak National Academy, White Rose Maths and BBC Bitesize, as well as other resources identified by school curriculum leaders.
- The work will be set weekly and teachers will provide a sample daily timetable to assist children and parents with developing a home learning routine.
- Teachers will upload weekly learning packs on their class Google Classroom. The packs can then be accessed at home, printed by staff who are on site, ready for parents to collect or staff can deliver to homes.
- Teachers will outline the work daily via their class activity page.

Providing feedback on work –

- Pupils can email work to their class teachers. All work submitted will be acknowledged by the class teacher. Feedback will be given for English and Maths on an individual basis and will be constructive where possible in terms of giving next steps for development / learning – English and if appropriate Maths. Feedback will be age appropriate.
- Keeping in touch with pupils who aren't in school and their parents –

In the case of a national or local lockdown, Teachers will call pupils/parents at least every week for a brief update. – please note that for a class of 30 this will be an be part of an afternoon of teaching time. Phone calls will be limited to 5 mins per child. An email will be sent to confirm that a call has been made if no answer is. Any concerns should be recorded and the Head teacher alerted. In the event of a self/class bubble isolation, communication will be via email. If there has been no communication from either a parent or child by day 3 of lockdown/self-isolation period starting, teacher or SLT member will call parents/pupils on day 4.

- Vulnerable pupils will be called weekly - CP/EHCP/identified pupils, this will be done by the Inclusion Manager
- Emails received from parents and pupils are to be checked between 9am and 3pm, Mon- Fri. Teachers should respond to pupil/parent emails within 48hours of reading the email.

Teaching assistants

When assisting with remote learning, teaching assistants must be available between 9 am-3 pm.

If they're unable to work for any reason during this time, for example due to sickness or caring for a dependent, they should report this using the normal absence procedure.

When assisting with remote learning, teaching assistants are responsible for:

- Supporting pupils who aren't in school with learning remotely –
- When requested by Head Teacher/Inclusion Manager
- Will liaise with class teachers to support planning and resourcing differentiated learning

Subject leads

Alongside their teaching responsibilities, subject leads are responsible for monitoring the work teachers set by their subject.

- Review work set weekly

Pupils and parents

Staff can expect pupils learning remotely to:

- Be contactable during the school day – 9am- 3pm although they may not always be in front of a device the entire time
- Seek help if they need it, from teachers or teaching assistants
- Alert teachers if they're not able to complete work

Staff can expect parents with children learning remotely to:

- Make the school aware if their child is sick or otherwise can't complete work
- Seek help from the school if they need it – if you know of any resources staff should point parents towards
- if they're struggling, include those here
- Be respectful when making any complaints or concerns known to staff

2.8 Governing board

The governing board is responsible for:

- Monitoring the school's approach to providing remote learning to ensure education remains as high quality as possible
- Ensuring that staff are certain that remote learning systems are appropriately secure, for both data protection and safeguarding reasons

3. Who to contact

If staff have any questions or concerns about remote learning, they should contact the following individuals: Here are some suggested issues and the most likely points of contact, but adapt and add to this as needed:

- Issues in setting work – talk to the relevant subject lead or Inclusion Manager
- Issues with behaviour – talk to the Head

Teacher

- Issues with IT – send a ticket on the Primary Tec portal explaining the problem. If this is not resolved, speak with the School Business Manager for further guidance.
- Issues with their own workload or wellbeing – talk to the Headteacher
- Concerns about data protection – talk to the School Business Manager in the first instance, who, if necessary, will contact the Data Protection Officer
- Concerns about safeguarding – talk to the Inclusion Manager

4. Data protection

4. Accessing personal data

When accessing personal data for remote learning purposes, all staff members will:

- Teachers are able to access parent contact details via Scholarpack using a secure password. **Do not share any details with third parties.**
- School Chromebooks/Chrome tablets/laptops only should be used when accessing any personal information on pupils

4.3 Keeping devices secure

All staff members will take appropriate steps to ensure their devices remain secure. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Keeping the device password-protected – strong passwords are at least 8 characters, with a combination of upper and lower-case letters, numbers and special characters (e.g. asterisk or currency symbol)
- Ensuring the hard drive is encrypted – this means if the device is lost or stolen, no one can access the files stored on the hard drive by attaching it to a new device
- Making sure the device locks if left inactive for a period of time
- Not sharing the device among family or friends
- Installing antivirus and anti-spyware software (automatically updates on Chrome Books)
- Keeping operating systems up to date – always install the latest updates

5. Safeguarding

Please refer to Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed as and when updates to home learning are provided by the government by the SLT. At every review, it will be approved by the Governing Body.

7. Links with other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
 - Child protection policy and coronavirus addendum to our child protection policy
 - Data protection policy and privacy notices
 - Home-school agreement
 - ICT and internet acceptable use policy
 - Online safety policy
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