

The Market Weighton School

Remote education provision: information for parents

This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to students 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

Our online learning systems are fully operational, and students should not need any adaptation time. They should log into Google Classroom and engage with lessons following their usual timetable.

What should my child expect from immediate remote education in the first day or two of pupils being sent home?

- Our online learning systems are fully operational, and students shouldn't need any adaptation time.

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,
 - Music will have adapted lessons to allow all students to engage in the learning.
 - PE will set tasks rather than full lessons for Core PE.
 - Other subjects such as Art, DT and Food Technology may make adaptations, and this will be communicated by the teacher.

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 3 and 4	5 hours each day following the normal timetable. We will not set any specific homework whilst the school is closed to the majority of students, but students may be set tasks to complete after the 1-hour lesson time.
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Accessing remote education

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

- All live lessons will take place on Google Classroom.
- Teachers will direct students what other digital packages are necessary for the lesson.

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 a small number of devices we can lend to pupils; these are prioritised for disadvantaged or vulnerable students. Please contact us for more details
- If you need internet access you may apply for a dongle, or you may be eligible for an increase on your data allowance, please contact us for more details.
- If a student needs any material printed please contact us and we can arrange for this to be left in the school collection area for you to collect.,
- If you do not have online access you will be able to bring physical work to the school reception, please contact us for more details.

For all enquiries about devices please contact Mr Poulston (Assistant Headteacher)
jpoulston@tmws.co.uk

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- Lessons will be taught live by your child's class teacher, this will take place over Google meet, which is accessed via Google Classroom.
 - For some lessons your child will be taught in person by the teacher for the full lesson
 - In others, they will receive some input at the start and be set tasks to complete and submit.
 - Others will utilise the Oak National Academy lessons or other online resources such as Hegarty Maths and GCSE Pod.
 - Each lesson will be planned by the teacher to be the most effective for your child.

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?

- Your child will receive feedback from the teacher in the following ways:
 - In person during video lessons
 - Remotely via Google Classroom
 - Remotely via marked tests and quizzes
 - Remotely on physical marked work

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

- Attendance will be monitored as usual by Classroom teachers.
- If your child is not engaging with the work, you will be contacted via
 - E-Praise message in the first instance.
 - By telephone call if we are increasingly concerned.
 - Heads of Year and Key Workers will contact all vulnerable students on a weekly basis. Any student not engaging in work is classed as vulnerable.

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:

- Handed in work will be marked and assessed where appropriate this may take the form of
 - Written feedback on a submitted piece of work
 - Marked quiz submissions
 - Verbal commentary during the live call.

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:

- If your child is able to work from home with support, keyworkers and TA support is available. If you feel your child would be better supported in school, then please contact us so we can put appropriate support in place.
- All our students with Education Health and Care Plans who follow our foundation learning curriculum are encouraged to attend school during lockdown. Lessons will be taught in school by the same staff to maintain continuity of teaching and relationships with staff.

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 well enough to work, they should engage with lessons as normal. If they are unwell, please contact us so we can provide a tailored learning plan.
- When whole classes are self-isolating the provision for remote education will be as described above.
- If only a small number of students are self-isolating, then the teacher will post the lesson resources on Google Classroom together with instructions for the students to work through at home.