Remote learning – FAQs

The remote curriculum: what are pupils taught at home

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

In most cases your child will be able to access our remote education immediately. This will be dependent on staffing in school and the ability of staff to access resources to deliver remote learning. For example, staff may be required to work from home at short notice.

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: physical education, drama, dance and design technology. In some of these practical subjects, assignments or tasks will be set using Showbie.

How long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?

Your child will be expected to complete 5 hours of work each day. This will include independent learning. This is the number of hours specified in the government guidance document for schools during lockdown.

Accessing remote education

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

Most of the remote learning will be accessed through Microsoft Teams. More details on how to access Microsoft Teams has been published on our school website: http://kettlethorpehigh.co.uk/covid_homelearning/.

Other digital platforms are used to support remote learning. These include Showbie, HegartyMaths and GCSE Pod.

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. Please contact your child's Year Manager who will be able to advise on how we can best support your child to access remote learning. In some cases the school will arrange access to a laptop or offer access to data packages.

How will my child be taught remotely?

Your child will be taught using a range of approaches. These will include:

- Live teaching via Microsoft Teams

- Pre-recorded lessons

- Reference to other online media resources

- Resources published on other commercial websites

- Project work and internet research activities

Engagement and feedback

What are your expectations for my child's engagement and the support we as parents and carers should provide at home?

The school expects all pupils to engage with remote learning. If a child is ill, then school should be contacted. This will help the school track pupil engagement with remote learning.

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

Pupil engagement will be tracked by subject teachers and tutors. Concerns about a lack of engagement will be recorded. You will then be contacted by your child's Year Manager and support will be offered to help your child re-engage with learning.

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.

Where possible work will be marked in line with the school marking policy. Teachers will feedback to pupils using Showbie and Microsoft Teams. Teachers will comment on what the pupil has done well, and how the pupil can improve using www – *what went well* and ebi – *even better if*.

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:

The SENCO can be contacted on the following email address: mmumby@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk

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?

If your child must self-isolate whilst all other pupils are in school the subject teacher will make provision for your child to access the curriculum remotely. In most cases this will involve using Microsoft Teams to allow your child to watch and listen to the lesson. Where this is not possible the learning resources will be hosted on Microsoft Teams or Showbie for your child to access. Guidance will be given on how to complete the work.

The senior leader responsible for remote learning is Deputy Headteacher, Mr G Lickiss. His email address: glickiss@kettlethorpe.wakefield.sch.uk