



**Remote
Education
Provision
Information for
Parents and
Carers**

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As a Catholic school we intend to put Jesus Christ at the centre of everything we do.

'I have come that they have life and have it to the full' John 10:10

Therefore, we will strive:

- To live the Gospel.
- To promote excellence and achievement for all.
- To nurture partnerships.

This will be done by;

- proclaiming and living out the faith of the Catholic Church, supporting each other in the shared endeavours of teaching and learning, prayer, worship and charitable works,
- promoting and practising just and caring attitudes and actions towards all persons,
- respecting the unique value of each individual and seeking therefore to respond to the talents and needs of all its members in an environment of praise and celebration, nurturing self-esteem and mutual encouragement,
- ensuring that the most effective opportunities for the education of Pupils are established in all areas of the curriculum,
- pursuing the highest Standards in all we do and by constantly seeking improvements,
- developing and maintaining close co-operation with the Parents who entrust their children to us, with the parishes who also seek the spiritual and religious formation of our young people, with our local associated schools and colleges and with the wider community.

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 whilst pupils are unable to attend school due to the National Lockdown.

The remote curriculum: what is taught to pupils at home

During the first few days at the start of term your child will have been set work through ShowMyHomework (Satchel:One) whilst staff adapted lessons and resources for use in Teams. In the following two weeks we expect all pupils to receive a minimum 50% of their lessons live through Teams with the remainder being set through ShowMyHomework. From Monday 18 January all pupils will receive 100% of lesson through teams (please see below for more details).

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, (Subjects that have a practical element, such as Food, technology, Art and Music and PE will be taught differently to the way they are taught in school.) This will be communicated to pupils through Teams and ShowMyHomework.

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	Pupils will have 5 hours of work each day (5 x 1 hour lessons)
Key Stage 4	Pupils will have 5 hours of work each day (5 x 1 hour lessons) with the possibility of additional work to be carried out independently as set by the subject teacher

Accessing remote education

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

- Pupils will have live lessons scheduled in teams with the work also placed on SMHW (Satchel:one). This is for pupils to access if unable to take part in the Teams lesson or to support the Teams lesson.
- Wherever possible pupil should engage with the Online Live Lessons.

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:

- If your child does not have sole access to a computer/Laptop or tablet please make school aware through the contact us form or by phone. We will then try to provide you with the necessary equipment.
- If you have no internet connection, please contact school we do have a small number of wireless routers and Sim cards that can be used to access data.
- Packs have been sent out to all pupils in each year group containing resources they will need. If you have not got internet access and require more paper based work, please contact school.
- If your child is asked to submit work and is unable to do so online, it can be sent to school, and we will distribute it to the appropriate teacher/s.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- We aim for teaching staff to teach the majority of lessons completely live (online lessons) but as a minimum all lessons will be introduced by the teacher and pupils will be guided to the learning for that lessons. (Please be aware that on occasions some teachers may not be available due to illness or other unavoidable situations. School will communicate this information via school comms.) Teachers may then use a variety of the following to support the lessons:
- recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers),
- printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- textbooks and reading books pupils have at home
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences
- long-term project work and/or internet research activities (as per the schools full opening guidance, schools are expected to avoid an over-reliance on these approaches)

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?

- Pupils are expected to attend all lessons including form time (twice a week) between 9am and 3.35pm. If your child is unable to attend through illness or medical appointment please make school aware.
- Pupils need to join the lessons on time (late arrivals to the online lessons do disrupt the flow of the lessons for the teacher and other pupils).
- Please support your child by checking with them what they have each day and where possible provide them with somewhere quiet when they are taking part in lessons.
- Please remind pupils that they should be 100% focused on the lesson and that any distraction eg TV, radio, phone and games consoles should be turned off during lesson time.

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

- Teachers take a register every lesson to identify who accessed the live lessons. Where a child is only completing the work through ShowMyHomework, we would encourage them to join the live lessons.
- For a small number of pupils, accessing 5 lessons a day on Teams is very difficult. If there are reasons why your child is unable to do this please discuss this with their form tutor, Head of Year or the SENCO.
- Phonecalls/emails will be made to parents/carers where patterns of poor or non-engagement occur. This may include those pupils who have logged in but the teacher is unable to verify if the pupil was actually taking part in the lesson.

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:

- Feedback will be given in the following ways:
 - During lessons pupils will get immediate verbal feedback.
 - Quizzes will be set to assess learning and understanding of concepts/topics.
 - Pupils will be asked to submit longer extended pieces of writing or assessments with feedback given through messages either on teams or ShowMyHomework.
- Pupils will receive feedback on their work in line with the whole school policy of 2 pieces of assessed work each half term. (this may include the results from quizzes, written assessment, extended pieces of writing or project work written feedback.

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:

- Weekly contact is made with those SEND pupils who require the support to ensure that any problems can be quickly addressed and resolved.
- All pupils with an EHCP and many others with SEND have been offered a place in school. This may be short term for the child to develop the skills to access online learning or long term to allow the child to work in school with additional support whilst working. A pupil

may also work in school for part of the week and at home on other occasions. The provision is based on each child's need.

- Where a child is finding it very difficult to engage with online learning due to the nature of their needs, we can provide paper copies of work.
- For all pupils we are mindful of the impact of Lockdown on Mental health and Wellbeing and are still providing online and in school counselling for the most vulnerable, contact from the pastoral managers and Heads of Year. Online drop in sessions with pastoral staff and Heads of Year for any pupils who wish to speak to someone. Pastoral staff are on hand during the school day to speak with parents and pupils if they wish to have contact.

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?

Whilst the majority of pupils are working from home there will be no change from the provision provided to all pupils if an individual is isolating. If your child is isolating and they are ill, please make school aware so that we can mark the registers appropriately. If your child is isolating and well they can still access all the remote learning sessions that their peers can access through Teams and ShowMyHomework.

Once all pupils return to school, we will update our information regarding learning provision for those pupils who are having to isolate as a result of COVID-19.