



REMOTE EDUCATION PROVISION

PICKHURST ACADEMY

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 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

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?

The children's activities will be uploaded online, via Google Classroom, to complete each day. (ARP only – For children in the ARP, Class Dojo will be used again to provide support & activities)

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. Our lessons closely match the curriculum that was intended to be taught in the Spring term. However, we have needed to make some adaptations in some subjects. For example, art lessons. When conducting practical activities, children learning remotely will be encouraged to use whatever resources they have access to at home which may differ from what would be used in school i.e. clay.

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 2	4 hours
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Accessing remote education

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

This will be through our online platform of Google Classroom. All pupils have a Google account and password.

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 are able to provide laptops to pupils who do not have access to a suitable device at home. Parents are encouraged to contact the school office either via email or a telephone call.

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Additionally, if parents or carers do not have an internet connection at home, they too should also contact the office and we will apply for additional data via their mobile network provider.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

Some examples of remote teaching approaches:

- Recorded internal lessons (online lessons)
- Commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences
- Small focussed group live session - once weekly for 30 minutes
- Whole class live session - once weekly 30 minutes

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?

- A daily register is uploaded onto Google classroom to ensure and encourage routine. This is closed daily at 10am and any child who has not registered by that time will receive an email reminding them of the importance of starting their day early, encouraging productivity.
- Class teachers to monitor work received from each pupil. If no work is received from a child consecutively over two days, the teacher will make a welfare call home. If a phone call is left unanswered and/or no work is submitted continually SLT to be made aware and a home visit will be conducted.
- Use of Class Dojo to connect with parents.

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

Teacher monitor work submitted on a daily basis. If engagement if a pupil is a concern, class teachers will phone parents directly to provide support.

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:

- Pupils will have their worked checked by the class teacher everyday and feedback will also be provided daily. The feedback will be in the form of a written comment.
- Class teachers use assessment for learning (AFL) to help inform change and adapt future lessons.
- Weekly quizzes during live session to recap prior learning.

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:

Regular phone calls home to these parents to offer support. This may be in the form of the class teacher, member of support staff or the SENCo.

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?

All pupils will still be accessing their remote learning through our online platform of Google Classroom. All teaching videos, flipcharts, resources and lessons will be uploaded daily. Children who are in school, who are learning from home or who are self-isolating will all be offered the same provision.