



Elleray Park School

Remote Learning Plan

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Remote education provision: information for parents

What is Remote Education?

Remote Education provides opportunities for the pupils and teaching staff to remain connected and engaged if at home, either during lockdown or as a result of having to self-isolate. As a school we have been able to shape our remote education since September 2020.

Key Aims of Remote Education:

- To ensure that pupils are engaged and actively learning when not in school.
- To mirror the education that is being offered in the classroom.
- To avoid any gaps in the pupils learning.
- To provide excellent engaging activities.

Department of Education:

The Department of Education 'recognise that some pupils with SEND may not be able to access remote education without adult support, and so schools should work with families to an **ambitious curriculum appropriate for their level of need.**'

Will my child be taught broadly the same curriculum as they would if they were in school?

As all our children are very individual and at different stages in their learning. As a result each class has devised their remote learning package in different ways. On our school website there are class pages and these illustrate what remote learning looks like for the class that your child is in. The curriculum that they will be following mirrors the curriculum being offered in the classroom.

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 around 3 hours each day. We know that for many of our pupils this may be difficult and we are advising all parents to break the teaching into small sections, giving the children regular breaks. The main focus is on developing early literacy, numeracy and communication skills. Any work that is being covered can be reinforced with the pupils throughout the day.

Accessing remote education

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

Class dojos are used by all teachers to ensure that the remote learning is accessible by all. Videos of the teaching sessions are being recorded and can be accessed by pupils and parents at home. In addition to School dojos paper packs are sent home and these include resources and materials that relate to the teaching sessions.

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 and that for lots of our pupils they will only be able to engage with learning if supported by you. If you are having difficulty in supporting your child's learning at home then you must contact your class teacher and we will explore different ways that we can support you.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- Recorded teaching
- The class page for your child on the school website
- Class dojos
- Printed paper packs full of resources and learning opportunities
- Bug Club- reading on line
- Purple Mash
- Education City

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?

We want you as parents and carers to encourage your child to engage in home learning on a daily basis. We're hoping that these sessions will be fun and that your child will want to engage

with them. They will enjoy the familiarity and structure that it will provide to their day.

It is important that your child is up and ready to start their learning from 9am. Learning works best if your child has a quiet space so they can concentrate. We know this may be difficult if your house is busy but do try and find an area that will work for you as a family.

The more support that you can give your child, the more successful home learning will be. If there are activities that you are struggling with or are unsure of how to deliver then you should contact your class teacher. They will offer advice and lots of practical activities.

At the end of each session (however small that is) give lots of positive praise and encouragement. If your child is not engaging or becoming distressed we advise you to stop the activity and then get them to try again later. It's important that each session finishes on a positive note as this will ensure your child wants to engage again.

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

Teachers will contact all parents and carers of those children working at home on a weekly basis. This will enable us to work together and ensure that you feel supported during the period of time that your child is at home. Should you be struggling at home then we will consider if there is any provision that we can offer in school. However, during this latest lockdown, the advice remains that the safest place for our children is at home. We are prioritising children who have one parent who is a key worker and those classed as vulnerable.

How will you assess my child's work and progress?

Feedback will be given during our weekly communication with either the children (where possible) or with yourselves as parents.

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 be as outlined above and through the means of communication highlighted.

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 has to isolate due to a positive test or because they have had close contact with someone who has had a positive test then a phone call will be made to you to see what help you need.

The support that you will be given will be the same as that outlined above.