

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 to remain at home.

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?

Once children are sent home to start remote learning, they may take learning packs consisting of worksheets or texts books with them if they have already attended school that day. If they are at home, learning will be uploaded to Google Classroom. Paper copies of all learning are available upon request.

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, PE lessons will not be modelled but instead will be a series of activities or lessons that will be carried out at home. While the curriculum will be the same content which is taught in school, the mediums used to teach these skills will vary. For example, videos and 'drop ins' rather than live lessons each day.

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	Year 3 and 4: 3-4 hours per day Year 5 and 6: 4 hours per day
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Accessing remote education

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

All learning will be 'posted' on Google Classroom. Each child has their own account, where they will access their year group online. Completed work can be 'uploaded' through a computer or mobile device to enable teachers to provide feedback. All learning will also be available as paper copies which can be picked up from the school office.

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:

The school is able to lend a laptop to pupils so that they are able to access online learning. Subsequently, the school will also provide WIFI connection for families who do not have access to an internet connection. This is in the form of a pre-paid dongle. If families are unable to submit completed work remotely, feedback will be given by class teachers upon receiving the physical work when returned to school by hand or via post. Paper copies of all learning are available on request via the school office on a daily or weekly basis (office@ststephensjuniors.org.uk or 01454 867175). For further information or to receive support in accessing remote learning, the school office are happy to assist all families.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- live teaching (online lessons by teachers and teaching assistants)
- recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers, White Rose lessons, Unlocking Letters and Sounds lessons)
- printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- textbooks and reading books pupils have at home
- 'Drop Ins' via Google Classroom so children can meet with their teachers online to go through any misconceptions or learning they have found difficult
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences
- Whole class or group Google Meets with the rest of their class in order to interact with their peers and share good examples of learning.

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 expect all children to complete learning, on a daily basis, and for some examples of learning to be uploaded to their teacher on a daily basis (this might be done at a certain time each week but provide learning from each day)
- We expect all children to engage in their whole class or group Google Meet as well as any other examples of live learning.

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

- We will analyse weekly engagement records Google Classroom
- We will monitor children's engagement with all live remote events
- We will have contact with all parents on a fortnightly basis. Any child not engaging will be contacted within the week of non-engagement.

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:

- Children will receive individual feedback on work submitted
- Children will receive 'in depth' feedback on approximately 3 pieces of learning each week
- Children will receive a range of written, verbal and pictorial 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:

- Additional face to face time will be provided for those children who have an EHCP through Google Meet. This may be with a teacher or a teaching assistant.
- Teachers will differentiate and adapt learning, through support, resources and outcomes, in order to provide for all children with SEND.
- Videos to model learning will support the younger children so that they can learn in shorter burst if required.