

Remote Education Provision: Information for Parents/Carers

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.

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 on the first day or two of pupils being sent home?

Pupils should access resources uploaded by teachers on Google Classroom.

If pupils do not have access to IT at home, paper based resources will be delivered to their homes by a member of the Home School Liaison Team.

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?

The school will teach the same curriculum remotely as in school.

All lessons will be taught by subject specialist teachers.

However, it is highly likely that there will be some adaptations to the timings of the day and the teaching staff who will deliver lessons to offsite teaching groups.

Remote teaching and study time each day

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

We wrote again to all parents and carers on 20th January 2021 outlining our arrangements for the current period of lockdown.

The school day will run from 10am to 2pm for pupils working onsite or online.

The two timetables mirror each other, offering the same subjects to all pupils, with lessons lasting 40 minutes onsite and online.

Pupils working online will be invited to interactive lessons by their subject teachers at the times indicated on their 'lockdown' timetable in their respective Google Classroom.

The Extended Learning session, 1.00pm - 2.00pm, will be offered to all pupils both onsite and online. Pupils who are predominantly accessing education online may also attend onsite Extended Learning sessions with prior agreement.

Teaching staff are available to provide extra work and resources when requested.

Accessing Remote Education

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

We use Google Classrooms and have ensured throughout the pandemic that pupils have access to IT.

We have a designated member of the Senior Leadership Team overseeing the availability of computers. We continually review provision of hardware to ensure any pupil without access to IT receives it. We have sourced and delivered laptops, keyboards and internet dongles to pupils at home.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- live teaching (online lessons)
- recorded teaching
- resources uploaded onto Google Classroom
- printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- textbooks and reading books pupils may 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

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 should engage with learning from 10.00am - 2.00pm

- Parents should support online learning as per the school's Safe Remote Teaching and Learning Policy available on the NEECA website
- We would like parents and carers to get in touch as soon as they have any questions or concerns so we can support you and resolve any difficulties quickly
- We would value any feedback, please communicate via the email address: neeca.support@kcat.co.uk

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

- Through the learning conversation with Personal Tutors during weekly telephone calls or subject teacher
- Department tracking sheets
- Whole school registers

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.

We have offered all pupils with an EHCP on site provision and the online provision for pupils with additional needs is monitored by the SENDCO and her team.

Our SENDCO is: Mrs Julie Greenaway

She can be contacted at school and via email on jgreenaway@kcat.co.uk

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 can continue to access the remote learning offer available.