



Dear parents and carers

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As you may be aware, schools are required to have a remote learning plan in place so that any child who cannot attend school because of COVID-19 does not miss out on their learning.

This letter explains our plans for remote learning for children who have to self-isolate, or where local or national restrictions mean that children need to stay at home.

### Our remote learning plan

Our remote learning plan has been made with our pupils and their families in mind. We believe that this strategy will work best for the children at Severndale Academy.

Your young person's teacher will contact you to:

1. Make arrangements for 1 daily zoom call (which should last no more than 15 minutes). These check-ins will be scheduled before 9:00-9:45am and will provide opportunities to:
  - Share learning expectations for the day.
  - Offer guidance and support to parents and carers.
  - Conduct a visible wellbeing check.
  - Feedback on learning / progress from the day before.
2. Make arrangements to share work via email, post or online (e.g. use of Oak National Academy).
3. Share your young person's timetable / plan for the day.
4. Discuss and make arrangements for any resources / materials that may be required to support your young person's learning.

### What you can do to help

We appreciate that if this situation arises, it may present some challenges for you. We kindly ask for your support so that we can continue to provide high-quality education for your young person during this time. Please share your thoughts and ideas of how we can work with you.

### Our top tips:

- Try to encourage your young person to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day and to keep a daily routine.
- Distinguish between weekdays and weekends, and make it clear when the school day is over to separate home and school life.
- Plan breaks and exercise into the day to help keep your child active.
- Please let us know if you're having any difficulties with remote learning, or if you have any questions please contact your young person's teacher.

We understand that every child and every family is different and will have specific challenges if faced with this scenario, and so the most important thing is to keep in touch and ask for support if you need it.

Kind regards

  
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