

Walkergate Community School 2021

Remote Learning 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?

What should my child expect from immediate remote education in the first day or two of pupils being sent home?

We aim to provide remote education on a pupil's first full day of being educated remotely and this will be the same curriculum and offer as the pupils at school will be experiencing.

For children in Year 1 – 6, they will have an English, maths and foundation subject every day to access remotely. Foundation subjects include science, geography, history, RE, PHSE, music, art and design, design and technology, computing and PE.

For our Early Years children the learning activities will be from across the six areas of learning.

For Pre-Nursery and Nursery they will have CLL(Communication, Language and Literacy), Maths, PSE and another subject per day.

Reception will have CLL (Communication, Language and Literacy), phonics, maths and another subject per day.

	<p>We will also provide suggestions for physical activities and challenges, well-being and guidance for reading at home.</p> <p>A letter will be e-mailed directly to the parent outlining information and a timetable for our remote learning provision.</p> <p>Where possible your child will come home with their planner and two home reading books.</p>						
<p>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?</p>	<p>We teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school for the majority of our subjects. However, we have had to adapt our curriculum for any practical based subjects where pupils have to access specialist equipment such as science and PE.</p>						
<p>Remote teaching and study time each day</p> <p>How long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?</p>	<p>We expect that remote education (including remote teaching and independent work) will take pupils broadly the following number of hours each day:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="730 751 1861 1026"> <tr> <td data-bbox="730 751 1294 842">Early Years - Nursery and Reception</td> <td data-bbox="1303 751 1861 842">2-3 hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="730 849 1294 940">Key Stage 1 - Years 1&2</td> <td data-bbox="1303 849 1861 940">3 hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="730 946 1294 1026">Key Stage 2 - Years 3-6</td> <td data-bbox="1303 946 1861 1026">4 hours</td> </tr> </table> <p>We would encourage our pupils to follow their school curriculum as closely as possible. This means that they will stay on track with their learning.</p>	Early Years - Nursery and Reception	2-3 hours	Key Stage 1 - Years 1&2	3 hours	Key Stage 2 - Years 3-6	4 hours
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<p>Accessing remote education</p> <p>How will my child access any online remote education you are providing?</p>	<p>To ensure our remote learning is as accessible as possible from a range of devices we are using web based platforms and software. We aim to ensure that all resources are accessible whatever the device.</p> <p>If you do have any queries please contact: remotelarning@walkergate.newcastle.sch.uk</p>						

From Years 1 - 6 we use Purple Mash where all pupils have an individual log in. All work is set, marked and stored through this platform. We also use our private YouTube channel for teachers to create voice over recordings of lessons, which are shared through Purple Mash to all pupils. We also make use of pre-recorded lessons on the National Oak Academy and White Rose Hub to enhance our offer further and these links are shared through Purple Mash.

Our pupils in Year 1-6 also have access to Sum Dog through an individual log in, which is a web based platform where they can access a range of maths, grammar and spelling activities.

As a school we have access to a 'Read Write Inc' portal and all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have pre-recorded phonic sessions. For pupils in year 1 and 2 they are shared through Purple Mash. For Reception pupils they are e-mailed to a parent e-mail address. The content of these RWI sessions matches the content being delivered in school.

Our Early Years pupils have their weekly learning e-mailed out to parents at the start of the week. This includes a range of pre-recorded voice over power points, YouTube links, phonics lessons and non-device based activities linked to the Early Years curriculum.

Every pupil from Pre-Nursery to Year 6 receives a weekly learning conversation from their child's class teacher to give more personalised feedback, offer support and to keep in touch.

During the current period of lockdown, parents also have access to the Commando Joe's portal. Commando Joe's is a provider of character education and focuses on ways for pupils to develop resilience, develop growth mindset etc...

	<p>Routines for remote learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work for each day will be uploaded by 9am each morning. • For pupils Years 1-6 work for all subjects will be available within Purple Mash. • For pupils in Years 1-6 they should check their Purple Mash e-mail at the start of every school day. • Pupils should follow their class timetable. • Pupils should take an appropriate amount of time on each task and upload their work onto Purple Mash. • If a pupil needs support they can e-mail their class teacher or class LSA who regularly check e-mails during the school day • Pupils should ensure they take regular breaks throughout the day just as they would in school • It is the expectation that all pupils complete their learning every day <p>We are also continually updating our school website with useful resources, web links and support videos.</p> <p>www.walkergate.newcastle.sch.uk</p>
<p>If my child does not have digital or online access at home, how will you support them to access remote education?</p>	<p>If a family does not have access to a device, Walkergate will offer one, whenever possible, from the beginning of the child's time off. Each parent/carer must sign a loan agreement form.</p> <p>If a family does not have access to the internet then the school can support this through BT hotspot vouchers and a limited number of Mi-Fi devices.</p> <p>We have a remote learning e-mail that can be used for any queries relating to technical issues, accessing devices etc..</p> <p>remotelearning@walkergate.newcastle.sch.uk</p>

	<p>On the occasion that we cannot provide a device then a pupil will have printed materials made available to them. The class teacher will discuss the procedures on how to submit work in these cases. The pupil will also have a weekly learning conversation phone call from their child's class teacher to give more personalised feedback, offer support and to keep in touch.</p>
<p>How will my child be taught remotely?</p> <p>We use a combination of the following approaches to teach pupils remotely:</p>	<p>Our aim is to deliver a remote curriculum which matches the curriculum that is delivered in school.</p> <p>Our teachers ensure that all learning resources will scaffold, explain and model learning to our pupils.</p> <p>For all pupils within Years 1-6 the majority of lessons will be recorded teaching e.g. teachers recording lessons voice-overs, Oak National Academy, White Rose Hub and the Read Write ink portal.</p> <p>For pupils in our Early Years there will be a weekly overview sent to all parent e-mail address and pupils will have access to teachers recording lessons with voice-overs, RWI portal lesson and themed learning activities.</p> <p>Our teachers differentiate the learning and tasks to meet the needs of their pupils.</p> <p>Pupils will receive personalised feedback on at least 3 pieces of work a week. There will also be an opportunity to discuss their through the learning conversation.</p>
<p>Engagement and feedback</p> <p>What are your expectations for my child's engagement and the support that we as parents and carers should provide at home?</p>	<p>We expect all pupils to engage fully with our remote education offer and that parents and carers will encourage and support engagement in all learning.</p> <p>We are using predominantly pre-recorded content to enable parents to fit the work more easily around family routines and circumstances.</p>

	<p>The work set for pupils within years 1 - 6 will be available for 3 school days unless a request has been made to the class teacher.</p> <p>We expect pupils to submit their work at the end of every school day.</p> <p>All learning will be available from 9am that day. Parents and pupils will have access to a timetable to follow while accessing remote education.</p> <p>We aim to ensure our older pupils can access their learning independently. For younger children we are aware that they will need support from parents.</p>
<p>How will you check whether my child is engaging with their work and how will I be informed if there are concerns?</p>	<p>For pupils in Years 1 – 6, both the class teacher and the class LSA check the Purple Mash platform regularly within the school day. If work is not completed by the 3rd day the class teacher will phone and/or e-mail the pupil's parents/carers to discuss.</p> <p>Within Early Years, teachers will check engagement through a weekly learning conversation where any concerns will be highlighted and monitored.</p> <p>Our class teachers monitor engagement with learning through work submitted and learning conversation phone calls.</p> <p>If we are unable to make contact, we will send you an e-mail. If you would like to update your contact details, please email admin@walkergate.newcastle.sch.uk</p> <p>We are aware that our school number may display as unknown and therefore suggest that you enter our school number into your phone 0191 265 5737.</p> <p>Please inform us if you are not able to receive weekly learning conversations and the class teacher will make different arrangements.</p>
<p>How will you assess my child's work and progress?</p>	<p>Feedback can take many forms and may not always mean extensive written comments for individual children.</p>

	<p>For pupils in Years 1 – 6 both the class teacher and the class LSA check the Purple Mash platform regularly within the school day.</p> <p>There will be a range of feedback given to our pupils including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole class feedback through the platform • Opportunities to self-mark • The use of self-marking quizzes and tasks through Purple Mash and Sum Dog • Personalised feedback 3 times a week directly to the pupil in an English, maths and foundation subject • Weekly learning conversation <p>Within Early years, teachers make a weekly learning conversation as well as responding to parent e-mails and work submitted.</p>
<p>Additional support for pupils with particular needs</p>	<p>We recognise that some pupils, for example, those with additional, educational needs or disabilities (SEND) may not be able to access work without adults at home.</p> <p>We are aware of the difficulties that this places on families and we will work with parents and carers in the following ways:</p> <p>For our pupils with SEND we will cater to their individual needs and have a bespoke approach to their learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority access for devices and internet (if required). • Appropriate and accessible work will be set which is well sequenced and linked to the school curriculum. • Include as many voice-recorded / video lessons to support learning • An additional call from a child’s key worker where it has be arranged with the SENDCo

Remote education for self-isolating pupils	<p>If your child is not in school due to self-isolation, their teachers will be aware due to the codes in the register.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning will be uploaded onto Purple Mash for pupils 1-6• Early years pupils will receive their learning through the parent e-mail address• The learning provided will mirror the curriculum being taught in school and will be well sequenced and relevant.• If pupils have difficulties with work, they must contact their teacher through Purple Mash or for Early Years pupils the parents should e-mail the class teacher.
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