

Home learning support – Parent Fact Sheet

When will my child need to learn from home?

- If your child has to **self-isolate** because of coronavirus
 - If there's a **local lockdown** and the school is advised to partially close or your child has to shield
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What is my child expected to do?

This is where we need the adult staying at home to look after the child to step in!! (If that is a big brother or sister then feel free to bribe them!). If your child or the person who is helping your child is too ill, then your child should just do what they can until they are better or the person helping them is better.

If a class closes, then it will also be closed to the staff who work with that class and the staff will work at home.

We will provide support for your child to learn at home and we have taken into account the results of the survey to decide how to best do this. The guidance we have been given is that the work set remotely needs to follow the curriculum the children would have followed in class; it is therefore important that they complete the work otherwise there may be gaps when they return to school.

- We aim to send out work from the **1st day of absence**.
- **Day 1 & 2** – on the first two days your child is learning at home you will receive an email with a link to the school website to access some lesson videos and other resources for your child on that day e.g. My Maths, Maths Whizz, Oak Academy lessons. We aim for this to be with you by 9am, however the timing of Day 1 is very dependent upon what time we are notified of the positive test. If we are not notified until that morning, we will ensure the work is set by 12 noon but Day 2 will be with you by 9am.
- **From Day 3 until the end of isolation** – Work will continue to be set on the website, this will consist of videos, recorded lessons, stories, online activities etc. This will sit alongside a paper pack of work and resources that will be delivered to your home. The online resources and paper packs will mostly cover the same work but you may find it helpful to watch the recorded lesson and then complete the paper pack. Most parents requested a mixture of both online and paper work.
- We will set approximately 4 hours of work per day but please bear in mind that your child will need regular breaks to allow them to concentrate properly. The type of work set will vary according to their age – don't panic about this bit!

In Year 1 – 6 in the paper pack your child will receive:

- **English:** Units of work from Oak National Academy – teacher led video lessons or individual activities from class teachers and spellings practice.
- **Maths:** Units of work from White Rose maths – video lessons and activities following the same problem solving approach within school along with times tables practice

- **Phonics** (Years 1 & 2) following Phonics Play activities.
- **Topic:** There will also be work set by class teachers in line with the school lessons for the topic. Where appropriate these may be from Oak National Academy or may be specific activities from school.

In Nursery and Reception

- Their pack is linked to the **Early Years curriculum** and will contain lots of activities and learning to keep your child learning and happy.

What happens to my child's work when it is completed?

- Some of the online work e.g. My Maths, feeds directly back to the teacher who set the work – they will be able to see how your child has done and may text, email or call you to feedback to you.
- We would like to hear how your child is getting on with their work 3 or 4 times per week but you can send work in every day if you like. You can do this by photographing or scanning your child's work and emailing it to the teacher.
- It's important that your child engages with home learning. **If they aren't**, we'll use the following strategies to provide additional support:
 - Phone call home
 - Increased feedback via email

What support will the school provide?

- **Regular contact with teachers** through emails and phone calls, to see how they are getting on and explain things to them if they need us to.
- **Regular feedback** on work completed, so your child knows how they're doing
- **Provide** paper copies alongside the online resources.
- **Provide extra support (if needed)** with work, just email the class teacher and they will call you but remember it will be from a withheld number. If your child doesn't need extra support, they could use the time to read to their teacher.

What can I do to help my child?

Create a positive environment for your child to learn at home, for example:

- **Distinguish between weekdays and weekends**, to separate school life and home life
- **Designate a working space if possible**, and at the end of the day have a clear cut-off to signal school time is over
- **Create and stick to a routine**, as this is what your child is used to at school. For example, eat breakfast at the same time each morning and make sure they're dressed before starting the 'school' day
- **Stick a timetable up on the wall** so everyone knows what they should be doing when, and tick activities off throughout the day
- **Make time for exercise and breaks** throughout the day to keep your child active

- **Keep in regular contact with school** so we know you are ok and can answer any questions you may have.
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What will happen at the end of the isolation period?

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- **All packs will need to be returned to school to be reviewed.** Please note that this is not the same as detailed marking- to mark that many pieces of work for up to 30 children would take many hours and would be too long after the work had been completed to be meaningful.
- **The teacher will look through** the work in detail and feedback to your child in person. It is of most benefit to your child if you mark their work with them and talk to them about the answers they have got right or wrong, leaving it for several days from when they did the work wouldn't be productive.
- The **paper packs** will be **quarantined** when they are returned to school so please don't expect an immediate answer.

I hope that this answers any queries you may have about what would happen if your child's class closes due to a positive test result however if you have any further questions please email me and I will clarify the query for you.