



**Parents' and
Carers' Remote
Learning Guide**

Introduction:

In the event of a group of children or a whole class being sent home to isolate we will have to switch our teaching to remote learning. Whilst this is a new system we are confident that the systems we have in place ensure the children are maintaining their education whilst at home. Hopefully any period of home learning will only be for a few weeks and children will quickly be back in the classroom.

The guide aims to:

Provide parents with an understanding of what remote learning is and what consists of 'good' remote learning

Provide parents with an understanding of the school aims in regards to home learning

Explain how home learning will be facilitated if pupils are unable to attend school due to a local lockdown or self-isolation

What is remote learning?

Remote learning is, simply put, the student and the teacher are not physically present in a traditional classroom environment and teaching is distributed through technology.

Government expectations:

The DfE have provided guidance on what consists of good remote learning, they state that schools should:

- Ensure pupils receive clear expectations
- Support growth in confidence with new material through scaffolded practice
- Provide opportunities for pupils to apply existing or new knowledge and skills
- Enable pupils to receive feedback on how to progress.

Considering the above expectations we have designed a programme that provides the best possible standard of remote learning for our children whilst considering any implications that may arise for our families.

In the event of a school closure what will happen?

If your child's bubble or if the whole school has to close your child will be sent home with a lined book to do their work in whilst at home. In the front page of their book there will be the log in codes for all of the online subscriptions that we have.

All work will be set using remote devices, these are all accessible by phone but your child will need access to the internet. In the event of a closure there will be iPads or laptops

to borrow if needed from the school. As a school we will endeavour that all families are provided with sufficient technology so there is at least one device per household.

In the event of a school closure how will work be set?

It is our expectation that regular communication between teachers and pupils is paramount in the event of a school closure. Taking this into consideration, teachers will be responsible for:

- Setting all their pupil's work by 9.00am each day
- Setting work that reflects the normal timetable for that day.

What will happen each day?

By 9.00am every morning you will receive an email to your given address from your child's class teacher with the work set for that day. All work given will be expected to be complete daily. At 10.00 am for EYFS, 10.30 am for KS2 and 10.45 am for KS1 your child's teacher will do a daily Teams meeting with all children in the class. This will give the children the opportunity to see their teacher face to face as well as their friends. It also gives them the opportunity to ask any questions that they have regarding that day's work or for the teacher to give group feedback on the work set the previous day. These times are staggered to allow children sharing technology to access this meeting live but where possible it is recorded so children can access it throughout the day.

What is teams?

Teams is an online video conferencing platform that works in the same fashion as Zoom. You can download a Teams app onto your phone for free. You will receive an email when the Teams meeting is due to take place and then you simply have to click on the link. School will be sending Teams information out separate to this leaflet.

Where will my child complete their work?

Your child's teacher will email sheets, PowerPoints and videos for your child to access. We do not expect any of these resources to be printed although they can be if you have the ability to at home. Your child should answer any work completed during a closure period in their given book. Where possible work can be photographed using a mobile phone and simply emailed back to their class teacher.

All of the work will be emailed daily and the expectation will be made clear from the teacher.

What if myself or my child has a question or query about their work?

If your child has any questions or queries then the teacher can be emailed. Teachers will answer emails promptly between the hours of 9am and 3pm. If your child is having specific issues then the teacher does have the ability to arrange an individual Team meeting or telephone call if needed to help them further. If parents have any questions then again the child's class teacher can be emailed at any time. Teachers have been requested not to answer these emails out of their working hours so there may be a delay in responding if it is out of school time. Parents can still contact the school admin team by telephone or email at any time.

What will my child's work consist of?

We will use a range of different systems to ensure the best possible remote learning experiences for your child. These may also vary according to their age.

English - Children will be given a daily video from the National Oak Academy to complete. They will need their books and a pen / pencil but they should be able to complete these independently. KS1 or EYFS children may receive an additional or alternative Read, Write Inc. video which uses the same format. As well as this video lesson children should use online platforms such as Edshed and Reading Buddy which they are familiar with through their homework.

Maths - Children will be given a daily video from the National Oak Academy to complete. They will need their books and a pen / pencil but they should be able to complete these independently. KS1 or EYFS children may be given a practical alternative. Some days children may also be given a CLIC, SAFE or LEARN ITS challenge. These need to be completed and photographed back to the children as it is these sheets that allows teachers to track children's basic skills and ensure children are not forgetting their key maths skills during the lockdown period. As well as this maths lesson children should use online platforms such as Edshed and Times Table Rock Stars (KS2 children only)

Other lessons - Children should receive one foundation lesson via a PowerPoint. The teacher will give audio guidance on what do via the PowerPoint. This foundation lesson will allow children to access a wide range of the National Curriculum.

Teachers may also send supplementary ideas that interest the children or if families request for more work. We do not want to bombard children or their parents so the work that we have set is what is necessary for the children to not fall behind in their education. If as a family you want more work set then please just email.

What should I do if I have a complaint about remote learning tasks?

If you have a complaint or a concern then please speak to your child's class teacher first. If they are unable to resolve this then please speak to the headteacher or deputy headteacher. A telephone meeting with them can be made by telephoning or emailing the school at:

seascape@durhamlearning.net

What will happen if my child does not complete their remote learning tasks?

Consistent failure to complete any home learning tasks will result in a phone call from the class teacher in the first instance to offer support. Subsequent lack of work or lack of communication from a family will result in a home visit as we must ensure the welfare of the children during the school day even when they are not on site.

What if my child is sick or cannot complete their home learning task?

If your child is sick or cannot complete their home learning tasks for whatever reason then please contact the school to make us aware. We will help in any way we can to resolve the issues with home learning.