

# Remote education provision information for parents and carers

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Orchardside is committed to making every effort to work with parents and carers to provide the best online learning it can for the pupils while they are at home through lockdown.

The following document is intended to provide as much clarity and transparency to pupils, parents, and carers about what they can expect from our online learning offer if local restrictions require students to be at home.

The remote curriculum: what is taught to students 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.

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

In the first couple of days the school and nominated staff will

- Work with you to establish if there are any barriers to remote learning, staff will work together with families to overcome any of these issues.
- Organise some trial / test sessions so you can be talked through log ins and any technology issues so as these issues are resolved.
- Ensure you have your timetable and the timings of the day, so you know when the lessons are taking place.
- Ensure you have all the details so you can access the learning platform.
- Show you where any learning materials are saved.

If you refer to our website in the 'Online Learning' section, you will see practical guides for

1. Guide to accessing an online lesson.
2. Guide to opening and working on PDF files.
3. Guide to logging into Google Classroom.
4. Guide to uploading work.

Q. Following the first few days of remote learning, will my child be taught broadly the same curriculum as they would if they were in school?

- A. Orchardside staff will be teaching the same curriculum remotely as we would be doing if pupils were on site, however we may need to make some adjustments. Staff are following their usual curriculum maps and medium-term plans.
- B. For our practical subjects like PE, Food technology and Art there will need to be some obvious adaptations.
- C. All lessons will be taught live, class groups have already been set up on Google classroom.
- D. All materials will be uploaded so as you can continue with independent work outside of school hours.

- E. Targeted numeracy and literacy interventions will also be available for students who need it.
- F. Year 10 and Year 11 ho attend Hertford Regional College on Mondays and Wednesday will have lesson provided by HRC on those days. Those who do not go to college follow the usual backup timetable for those days.
- G. Key Stage 3 students who would normally go to Young Mariners also follow the usual backup timetable in place.

### **Remote teaching each day**

We expect that remote education including some independent works will ensure that students have.

All year groups will receive live lessons as per their usual timetable, those students who attend Hertford Regional College HRC on Monday and Wednesday will have the opportunity to join and complete HRC lessons.

This does not include our whole school rewards assembly which is additional. These are delivered weekly to all students.

### **Accessing remote education**

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

All online lessons are delivered through Google Classroom.

Your child has an email address and log-in that they need to access the platform. Through this your child will have a 'Meet' link for each lesson on their dashboard. This meet link will appear at the time the lesson starts. Parents and carers have also been sent these log-in details so as you can support your child if necessary.

Further support can be found on our website in the 'Online Learning' section. The 'How to' guides are very useful.

Q. If my child does not have digital or online access at home, how will you support them to access remote education?

We recognise that some students may not have suitable online access at home. We have supplied either laptops or Chromebooks to all students. Any issues with the device you should contact the school for a replacement or some technical advice.

Q. How will my child be taught remotely?

We primarily use Google Classroom for live lessons supported by the following resources.

- Lexia
- MyMaths
- Freckles
- Quizzes
- Reading
- Uploaded work
- PowerPoint presentations

- Online cookery tasks
- Online Art tasks
- Online PE tasks
- Arts Award tasks
- BBC bitesize
- Oak Academy

## Engagement and Feedback

Q. What are your expectations for my child's engagement and the support that we as parents and cares should provide at home?

We expect children to log into and take part in all their online lessons, and we would like your support with this. We ask parents to support us by knowing and using your child's timetable to encourage them to log in and take part.

We have a specific **Student Online Engagement Strategy** led by a senior member of staff if you are having as issues getting your child to engage please let us know as soon as possible so we can support you with this.

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

There are registers taken for every live lesson and non-attendance will lead to a follow up phone call to parents/carers. The Online Engagement Strategy Team will discuss this with you and give you the appropriate feedback and ideas about next steps or interventions to engage your child.

Q. How will you assess my child's work and progress?

All children work toward their end of year target grade. Teachers will ensure the are completing regular assessment in lessons so as your child progress can be tracked accordingly. This is particularly pertinent to Year 11.

## Additional Support for pupils with needs

Q. How will you work with me to help my child who needs additional support from adults at home to access remote education?

We acknowledge the difficulties this may place on some families, and we will work with parents and carers to support those pupils in the following ways:

- Phone call support from an allocated member of staff to help with any problems you may be having getting into the lessons online.

## Remote education for self-isolating pupils

When pupils are self-isolating, they will be able to access the live lesson and materials that are taking place on site.

This may differ depending on numbers, so provision for those at home may be slightly different as teaching pupils in school and remotely often presents as challenging.

Q. If my child is not in school because they are self-isolating, how will their remote education differ from the approaches described above?

-we will arrange daily session with a member of staff directly following the usual timetable

-individual instructions to support Google Classroom and uploaded work

-opportunities to join the whole class session where possible