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## CoViD-19 Remote Learning Policy

### Specific Aims

To outline our approach for pupils that will not be attending school, as a result of government guidance or the closure of a class bubble

To outline our expectations for staff that will not be attending school due to self-isolation but that are otherwise fit and healthy and able to continue supporting with the teaching, marking and planning for pupils.

### Who is the policy applicable to?

Every child is expected to attend school from September 1st 2020. In line with government guidance, pupils, staff and families should self-isolate if they display any of the following symptoms:

- A continuous, dry cough
- A high temperature above 37.8°C
- A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste
- Have had access to a test and this has returned a positive result for Covid-19

This policy is intended to outline expectations for class bubble or partial school closure, as well as individual cases. Individual pupils who are isolating due to health issues (based on government advice) and are unable to attend school in September will be supported on a case by case basis, primarily with the use of 'home learning packs' which mirror the work being taught to the rest of the class in school.

### Remote learning for pupils

We will provide links to appropriate remote learning for groups of pupils and individuals that are not able to attend school so that no one need fall behind.

In the following points, an outline of the provision will be made and some guidance given on the role of pupils, teachers and parents. Each family is unique and because of this, should approach home learning in way which suits their individual needs. We realise that the circumstances that cause our school to close will affect families in a number of ways.

In our planning and expectations, we are aware of the need for flexibility from all sides:

- Parents may be trying to work from home so access to technology as a family may be limited;
- Parents may have two or more children trying to access technology and need to prioritise the needs of young people studying towards statutory examinations;
- Teachers may be trying to manage their home situation and the learning of their own children;
- Systems may not always function as they should.



## Teacher/Staff Expectations

- Teachers will plan lessons that are relevant to the curriculum focus for that year group and endeavour to supply resources to support tasks for home learners. We will aim to ensure that home learners receive a broad and balanced curriculum.
- In the event that an individual is not Links to daily will be posted daily on the class Home learning page on the school website.
- English tasks will include a mixture of teacher planned writing tasks linked to school learning, phonics activities (keystage one), Spelling activities (keystage two) and reading activities.
- Maths tasks will include a mixture of teaching powerpoints and 'White Rose' independent activities
- Staff will supply all resources electronically and it will be the responsibility of families to print/use these resources at home
- Teachers will respond promptly, within reason, to requests for support from families at home. This should be done via email. Staff and parents should communicate via the admin email address.
- Should a staff member require support with the use of technology, it is their responsibility to seek this support in school and Senior Leaders will ensure that support is given promptly.
- Feedback will be given to pupils via Seesaw
- In the event of a Bubble closure, teachers will teach core subjects daily via teams and provide direct feedback to pupils

## Family (Pupil/Parent) role

- Where possible, it is beneficial for young people to maintain a regular and familiar routine. We would therefore recommend that each 'school day' maintains structure. A suggested timetable will be put on the relevant class web page as a guide.
- If a class bubble is isolated, the children will be sent home with their home reading book in addition to their English and Maths books – this is so that work that children complete at home can be kept safe, ideally in their exercise books, and can be brought back to school when safe to do so.
- Should anything be unclear in the work that is set, parents can communicate with class teachers via the class email address or by contacting the school office. Please make clear which class group and subject the question relates to.
- We would encourage parents to support their children's work, by viewing the work set together, and then making appropriate plans to complete the work. This can include finding an appropriate place to work and, to the best of their ability, supporting pupils with work encouraging them to work with good levels of concentration.
- Every effort will be made by staff to ensure that work is set promptly on appropriate platforms but school cannot guarantee that the chosen platforms will work on all devices. Should accessing work be an issue, parents should contact school promptly and alternative solutions will be made available where feasible. These will be discussed on case-to-case basis.

## Remote teaching for staff who are self-isolating



- Staff are required to self-isolate if they show symptoms outlined at the start of this policy or they have been told to shield and/or have received a letter to confirm this. If a member of staff is required to self-isolate, they are expected to
- Follow normal reporting procedures for planned absence.
- Following contact with school, the school business manager (SBM), may set up a referral to Occupational Health to support that individual.
- It is expected that staff get tested. Should a staff member be tested, it is expected, as per national guidance, to share the result of this test with school so that appropriate plans can be made.
- Whilst self-isolating, and if able to do so, non-teaching staff will be given an individual project to work on which is line with whole school improvement priorities or asked to support with the online learning provision for their year group. These projects will be communicated by the Senior Leadership Team and will be allocated on a case-by-case basis.
- If unwell themselves, teachers will be covered by another member of staff, or the sharing of activities across classes. Communication and planning during this time will not be undertaken until the teacher is fit to work

