

Remote education provision: information for parents

This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to pupils, parents and carers about what to expect from remote education if 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

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.

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

On the first day your child will be sent a work pack consisting of various work appropriately designed for their level and ability. Where appropriate some pupils may access the digital platform.

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?

We will endeavor to teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate. However, we have needed to make some adaptations in some subjects and phases.



Accessing remote education

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

At SSSC we will be using a digital platform called Microsoft Teams for our KS4 students. Every KS4 student has an individual account and a variety of live lessons and pre-populated tasks will be delivered daily. All parents and carers will receive a step-by-step guide issued to them and a separate pupil guide has also been produced and shared.

Initially for KS2 & KS3 students, remote learning will take place in the form of physical work packs. Work packs will be updated regularly as will telephone contact with pupil and parents/carers.

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 pupils may not have suitable online access at home. We take the following approaches to support those pupils to access remote education:

Where a KS4 pupil does not have access to a laptop, tablet or smart phone a laptop will be made available to allow the pupil to access remote learning through the digital platform. If you require a loan of a laptop then please do not hesitate to contact the school and ask to speak with Mr C Greenhough or Mrs D England. If a pupil is unable to access the digital platform they should contact the school on 01773 602198. If a physical work pack is required for specific reasons please do not hesitate to contact the school.

KS2 & KS3 pupils will be sent work packs home on a regular basis and if there are any problems, or additional work is required to be printed, please contact the school on 01773 602198.

How will my child be taught remotely?

We use a combination of the following approaches to teach pupils remotely:

- live teaching (online lessons)
- recorded teaching (e.g video/audio ' How to' recordings made by teachers)
- printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- textbooks and reading books pupils have at home
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences
- long-term project work and/or internet research activities.

Engagement and feedback

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

Pupils that are accessing remote learning need to be completing work on a daily basis or in line with their designated timetable.

KS4 will have work set daily that they can access using the digital platform.

KS3 will have a work pack posted out to them on a weekly basis that will consist of a variety of work for the week. Tutor teams will make regular contact so additional work can be sent out as required.

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

Pupils working remotely will be provided with feedback accordingly when digital activities have been completed, using the in-built feedback function within Teams. Pupils engagement with the remote learning platform will be monitored on a daily basis through the use of the 'Grades' functionality within Teams and the use of the 'Insights' application which will be installed on each team to monitor pupil usage/engagement. Parents/carers will be contacted if a child is consistently missing lessons and/or not engaging with the remote learning platform as expected.

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

Feedback can take many forms and may not always mean extensive written comments for individual children. For example, whole-class feedback or quizzes marked automatically via digital platforms are also valid and effective methods, amongst many others. Our approach to feeding back on pupil work is as follows:

- Pupils will receive written digital feedback from their teacher for any digital assignments they complete
- Where possible answer booklets will be uploaded so pupils can self-assess their work
- Pupils may be asked to upload comments from handwritten work they have produced to allow the teacher to assess their progress
- Where possible digital forms will be used and marked automatically as a way of assessing progress
- Certain pupils will have the capability to photograph any handwritten work they have produced and send it into their teacher for assessment

Additional support for pupils with particular needs

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

We recognise that some pupils, for example some pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), may not be able to access remote education without support from adults at home. We acknowledge the difficulties this may place on families, and we will work with parents and carers to support those pupils in the following ways:

- Differentiated work packs will be made available to all pupils. If pupils and parents are unclear as to the expectations of the work then please contact the school on 01773 602198 for additional support.

Remote education for self-isolating pupils

Where individual pupils need to self-isolate but the majority of their peer group remains in school, how remote education is provided will likely differ from the approach for whole groups. This is due to the challenges of teaching pupils both at home and in school.



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

If a child has to self-isolate the remote learning will consist of a work pack that will be posted home or given to the pupils if they have to leave school early. The work pack will consist of a variety of work across the curriculum and for pupils who are able some work may be set up on the digital platform.