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## **Remote education provision: Information for parents**

### **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?**

In order to ensure that learning is continued, irrespective of full closure, bubble closure or self-isolation, The Downley School has developed the following plan. This plan offers remote learning opportunities whilst also acknowledging that some households have limited access to devices and require paper copies of work and resources.

This plan will be applied in the following instances;

1. An individual/number of children are self-isolating because of a positive test within the household or are displaying symptoms.
2. A whole bubble or cohort is self-isolating because of an outbreak of coronavirus.
3. Short term whole school closure except for childcare provision for key worker children.

The plan complies with the exception and principles outlined in the DfE document

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak#res>





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## Software and online platform

Purple Mash, Mathletics, TT Rockstars, Letter Join, School Website, Class emails

Parents will receive an email from the class teacher with a Zoom link for a remote learning session for the first day of remote education. All pupils will be invited to a registration and circle time on their first morning. Lessons for the first day and thereafter will take place on Zoom.

The class teacher will lead lessons using Oak Academy videos. Links will be sent to parents who cannot access the lessons on Zoom.

## **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?**

At The Downley School, we intend to provide children who are self-isolating with a curriculum that is - as much as possible - in line with that being taught in the classroom. We will endeavour to match the objectives planned for in the classroom to those in the learning at home; this will be enabled through the use of adapted resources within the school as well as from institutions such as Oak National Academy.

- Self-isolation/bubble closure

If a child needs to self-isolate, the class teacher will email the parent/carer work –related as much as possible – in line with what is being taught in the classroom. Platforms that will be used include; Purple Mash, White Rose, Mathletics, Letter join, TT Rock Stars. All communication from the class teacher will be through the school office and sent directly to the parent/carer.

- Remote education

If the school is forced to close under government guidelines for a local or national lockdown the school will immediately activate the remote learning curriculum. In the first instance, teachers will send parents/carers a zoom link that will host their child/rens live session with their class





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teacher. Children will then take part in daily sessions with their class teacher via Zoom. The Downley school will use the Oak National Academy curriculum to educate children remotely.

Children and parent/carers are also able to contact their Class Teacher via email as a check-in point and to share learning. In the event of any form of isolation and loss of learning caused by Coronavirus, parent/carers must understand that engagement in home learning is compulsory, as is the expectation that The Downley School makes that provision available and accessible to all. However, if children themselves are too ill to attend then they should not be expected to engage in home learning and remote learning will not be provided.

## Remote teaching and study time each day

### How long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?

We expect that remote education (including remote teaching and independent work) will take pupils broadly the following number of hours each day:

#### Reception

X2 Zoom sessions with the class teacher

Independent Learning tasks

CP activities





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## Key Stage One

Children in Key stage one will have at least 3 hours of remote education daily. This will involve Zoom sessions with their class teacher and independent learning tasks set on our other learning platforms.

9-12pm – Zoom Sessions on Oak Academy

1-2:15– Zoom Sessions/Independent Learning

## LKS2

Children in lower key stage two will have at least 4 hours of remote education daily. This will involve Zoom sessions with their class teacher and independent learning tasks set on our other learning platforms.

9-12pm – Zoom Sessions on Oak Academy

1-2:15 – Zoom Sessions/Independent Learning

## UKS2

Children in upper key stage two will have at least 4 hours of remote education daily. This will involve Zoom sessions with their class teacher and independent learning tasks set on our other learning platforms.

9-12pm – Zoom Sessions on Oak Academy

1-2:15 – Zoom Sessions/Independent Learning





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## Accessing remote education

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

Parent/Carers will receive a new Zoom link from their class teacher every day. Children can then join the zoom call and participate in class sessions. During independent tasks children will be sent their login details for our learning platforms and teachers will assign work weekly. This will be communicated to parent/carers by the class teacher from the class email address.

### 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:

Any families that require assistance with digital or online access must inform the school as soon as possible. The school will endeavour to support families as quickly as they can but this will depend on demand. Please email the school office outlining your need.

Devices will be prioritised to families who have been identified as Pupil Premium or SEND. Parent/Carers will need to sign a loan agreement and ensure they adhere to the loan terms. All equipment must be returned to school at the end of isolation/lockdown.

