

REMOTE LEARNING AT WEST HADDON ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



The DFE has asked all schools to review their remote learning procedures to ensure that there is a safe and consistent whole school approach to remote learning. With this in mind, we have mapped out our expectations so that parents are clear about what our school will provide in order to support learning during this tricky time.

During the summer months, we started to use Google Classroom as a learning platform for Key Stage 2 and this proved to be safe and accessible on most devices with an internet connection. Moving forward, we have therefore decided to use this method of communication to all families, enabling parents and/or older children to download learning as well as communicate safely with teachers. Nursery will continue to use Tapestry.

What is Google Classroom?	Google Classroom is an online platform that enables teachers to create an online classroom area in which they can manage documents for the children in their class. Teachers are able to make announcements, share work and allow children or parents to interact with their teacher. Over the summer we have been using this system for our older children and teachers have been emailing directly to parents for younger children. Moving forward, to ensure that there is a consistent and safe system throughout our school, all information linked to learning will be uploaded on to Google Classroom.
Can my child access Google Classroom without support from parents?	Yes, if you are happy to allow this, the older children can do this. The younger children will continue to need support and parents can access learning and communicate with teachers using the interaction tools.
My child is absent from school because they are ill – what work do they need to complete?	When children are poorly we do not expect children to complete any work and it is not expected that children catch this up at a later stage.
My child is absent from school because we are in quarantine or self-isolating. They are not ill – what work do they need to do?	The government expects children to continue their learning whilst in self isolation or in quarantine. Unfortunately, we cannot always provide work at short notice although we will organise this for you by the second day of absence. We continue to expect your child to complete their weekly homework (reading, spelling and CGP books). In addition to this there will be a piece of Maths and English set each day. It is important that you set a regular routine for your child – this may be a chunk to suit your child and their levels of concentration. Evidence of work can then be returned to your class teacher regularly.
How much work do you expect my child to complete each day?	The government expects three hours per day for Key Stage 1 and Reception children and 4 hours per days for Key Stage 2 children. The activities set on Google Classroom will range from practical tasks to written work in order to balance the type of work set. This will also vary from year group to year group in order to ensure that learning is age appropriate.
Does my child need to complete their normal homework as well?	Yes – if your child is self-isolating or in quarantine, we would expect your child to continue their learning whilst at home. During Lockdown we will continue to set homework using the CGP books.
My child is struggling to complete the work. What should I do?	In the first instance, your child may just need some support from an adult or older sibling to get them on the right track. If there is a more challenging issue, parents can message the teacher to discuss this further.
Will my child receive any feedback about the lessons they have completed?	Class teachers will try to respond to work returned using Google Classroom. Work can be marked as completed on the system and a quick photo is the best way to share the finished learning. It is, however, difficult when parents upload a week's worth of learning in one go. The purpose of the marking will be for

	the teacher to identify which aspects were tricky and to make a comment to encourage participation. Should your child be struggling with their work or finding it too easy, please message your child's class teacher using Google Classroom.
What happens if the teacher is absent from school, or if the whole Class Bubble is off school isolating?	If a teacher is self-isolating or the whole bubble has been closed down, the teacher will continue to produce home learning via Google Classroom. Unless your child's class teacher is poorly, they will still be available online during school hours. Teachers are not expected to answer questions during the evening and weekends so responses may not always be immediate.
How will the lessons and communications be monitored for consistency?	Mr Rosevear is a member of each Google Classroom and is able to access any of the child's work or comments. From time to time the leadership team will check to ensure that teachers, parents and children are using the system safely and regularly. This is a requirement from the Department for Education.
We don't have a computer at home – what should we do?	Google Classroom can be accessed by mobile phone devices, tablets and desktop computers which means that most families will be able to see the learning easily. If a family has none of these options, we can loan you a machine but a device agreement will need to be completed. In order to adhere to lockdown requirements, I request that parents only ask for a paper option where absolutely necessary.
I have lost my child's login.	Your electrical devices can remember log ins and passwords so I would strongly recommend that you save these to avoid having to re-input this information. When you first log in it can cause some extra work for you, especially if you already have a Google log in or Gmail account. This can be easily remedied by logging out of this. Class teachers also have a list of each child's Google Classroom account so they will include this in your child's homework file.
There is an outbreak of COVID in school with multiple staff absences as well as bubble closures. Will my child still have access to home learning?	We will do our best to ensure children have learning on Google Classroom, however, it is not fair to expect adults to work if they are ill. This means that partner teachers may have to help with other classrooms or work may be set from the National Oak Academy, which is the DFE's response to home learning.
How do I share completed work with the class teacher?	For sharing completed work the easiest method is to take a quick photo with your phone/device and then 'turn-in'. This can be of a picture or a practical task, some writing or an example/page of the maths work.
My child has completed all the work on Google Classroom and would like some more home learning. Where can we access more home learning?	I would recommend a number of tasks to support your child's learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are lots of new activities on Purple Mash for children to complete. These can be linked to their topic work or Maths and English. • The National Oak Academy has loads of pre-prepared lessons to children and families to access. • Reading is a key skill which makes a huge difference to children's learning. If you are struggling for some books, just let us know and we will lend a hand or you could access Oxford Owls Online Reading Books.
Will my school provide live lessons when there is a regional or national lockdown?	We have reviewed the best way to support families from home and believe that live lessons are not best way for us all. Some families access learning at varied times in the day and week in order to support their children. We will however try to include regular video updates and occasional live 'Google Meets' to support the children. This enables families to access learning when it fits into their schedule.