

## Remote education provision: information for parents

**This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to students and parents or carers about what to expect from remote education. We will make use of remote education only in the case of students having to self-isolate with COVID-19 or if a whole year group are not able to be in school due to a reason such as extreme weather or industrial action. If a student is off ill then they should focus on recovery and should return to school as soon as possible.**

### **If my child is not in school because they are self-isolating with COVID-19**

During isolation your child will be supported to continue their education via remote learning. For lessons, they will follow their normal timetable and should go to the relevant class on Google Classroom. Work will be set for all lessons, either through resources and instructions being posted to Google Classroom or through the lesson or part of the lesson being livestreamed. In addition, they may wish to make use of SENECA which will also support their learning. For further information about this please see

Welfare leaders may make contact during the period of self-isolation to check on progress and welfare of students. If a student receives support from an LSA in school then they will check in with the student as well.

Students should complete the home learning that is set for the students in school and if feedback is given to the students in school then they will also receive feedback on that piece of work.

If your child does not have the technology to access the work please e-mail Mrs Dempsey [RDempsey@phs.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:RDempsey@phs.cheshire.sch.uk) or telephone her on 01625 871811.

We really appreciate your understanding; our priority is the safety of our whole school community and we are grateful for your support in ensuring your child self isolates.

## Accessing remote education

### **How will my child access any online remote education?**

Students will access online remote education through Google Classroom. Information about this can be found at <https://www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk/googleclassroom>. Work will be set for all lessons, either through resources and instructions being posted to Google Classroom or through the lesson being livestreamed which students can join by the student meet link. Students may also be directed to other online learning such as SENECA.

### **If my child encounters problems with digital or online access at home, how will you support them to access remote education?**

If students do encounter these problems we would ask that they contact either Network Support [support@phs.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:support@phs.cheshire.sch.uk), who can help them with password

and other technical issues, or their welfare leader who will look into other support for them.

**This information is about what to expect from remote education if local restrictions require entire cohorts (or bubbles) to remain at home or if whole year groups are not in school due to extreme weather etc.**

## **The remote curriculum: what is taught to students at home**

A student'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 students being sent home?**

Students will be directed to their subject classroom on Google Classroom. They will follow their normal timetable and will complete the work that is in that classroom for their subjects or join live lessons. If they have any questions in the first day or two they should email their teachers using Gmail in Google Classroom. Gmail will only be used if whole year groups are out of school for an extended period.

### **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 teach the same curriculum as we would do in school as far as is possible. There will be some practical subjects where this is not possible such as PE, Product Design and Computing. In these subjects students may complete more theory work or learn about the practical work through demonstrations rather than through doing the practical work themselves. In PE, students will be encouraged to get themselves outside in the fresh air and participate in some exercise.

## **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 students at least five hours each day. Students may also complete additional work beyond the school day. It is important that they do not allow themselves to spend too much time on these tasks. Home learning for students in KS3 should not take any longer than 30 minutes per piece and for KS4 no longer than 45 minutes. As students will be spending more time on screens we would expect home learning to be shorter

in length in most cases.

## **How will my child be taught remotely?**

We use a combination of the following approaches to teach students remotely when a whole class or year group is sent home:

All lessons will start with a taught online element. This is where teachers will explain the work students are to do, teach content and skills and engage in question and answer with students. Students will also be expected to engage in independent work during the lesson, as they would in school normally. Teachers may ask them to leave the online classroom to do this work away from a screen or they may stay in the lesson while the work is completed.

There will be some cases, for example when there is teacher absence, that work will be set for students and there will be no teacher present. This work will be clearly signposted in the classroom.

## **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?**

#### **Students**

We expect that students join lessons at 8.45am if the whole class or year group is working remotely and then join each of their lessons during the school day. We encourage all students to complete the work that is set and to ask and answer questions in the lessons. Teachers may encourage students to speak in the lesson or to conduct the discussion through the chat facility.

Our high expectations of behaviour remain in place and we are pleased that students have lived up to these high standards.

#### **Parent/carers support**

We welcome the support of parents and carers in helping students to be ready to engage with learning from 8.45am to 3.15pm. We also welcome parental support in encouraging students to get some fresh air and take breaks during the day as they would in school normally. Parents can also support students to read and to switch off from learning at a reasonable time.

Please note that only the students in the class may participate in the lesson. It is not acceptable for a parent, sibling or other person to interrupt or seek to participate in the lesson.

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

We are monitoring student attendance and welfare leaders are making telephone calls when students haven't joined lessons in the day when the whole year or whole classes are working remotely. We are also making contact in many instances where behaviour in lessons falls below the high standards that we expect. This will also be the case if students are failing to complete work that is set by teachers.

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

Feedback can take many forms. Students will not receive feedback on every piece of work that they complete. This would also be the case when they are in school normally. Individual feedback will be given once every 8 lessons for the subject in line with our normal feedback policy. This might take the form of written feedback, work assessed through systems such as SENECA or online quizzes that are designed by the teachers. Feedback will also include whole class feedback on the strengths and areas of improvement needed.

Although in school normally students are expected to SMART mark their work and respond to teacher feedback in red pen this will not be possible while students are working remotely. They are still expected to take on board the feedback that is given so they can understand how to improve.

## **Support for students with additional 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 students, for example some students 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 students.