

Information about Remote Education



Westfield Arts College strives to be creative, innovative and to support our SEND pupils and parents in the best way possible by making learning accessible, purposeful and achievable. This continues even when our pupils find themselves learning at home, regardless of circumstances. Westfield School staff will endeavour to provide a familiar routine for each pupil taking into account their individual learning needs whilst promoting positive experiences for all of our pupils and students.

Information for Parents

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

An individualised learning pack will be assembled for your child to take home that will follow, where possible, the subjects they study at school and a suggested timetable that stresses a need for flexibility for the change in routine from school to home learning. There is a section on our website which includes activities for each class group.

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?

Where possible pupils will cover similar content to their school curriculum remotely to that taught in school. The majority of our pupils will need a mixture of paper based, practical and online learning tasks as part of their remote learning package. For some pupils a paper based learning pack will be the best option so they can cope with the differentiation of having time to play online and learning offline, making the distinction clear. As the majority of our pupils require support to learn we will offer bespoke teacher to parent contact to facilitate the best approaches that work for your child. After consultation an agreed approach will be delivered and provided for every child. A timetable of suggested activity will be provided if it is supportive to both pupil and parent.

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:

**we have not stipulated the number of hours due to the very individual learning needs of all pupils. For some activities will last a few minutes and others will be able to study for longer periods. All need a high degree of support in order to understand and achieve learning tasks.*

Primary school-aged pupils	A daily schedule will be sent home. We ask parents to recognise the importance of structure and the use of a schedule. We encourage short sessions of learning to
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	support the child to stay focussed. Any home learning that causes high anxiety and/or distress should not be included in the timetable.
Secondary school-aged pupils not working towards formal qualifications this year	A daily schedule has been sent home. We ask parents to recognise the importance of structure and the use of a schedule. We encourage shorter sessions with regular breaks. Any work that causes high anxiety and/or distress should not be included in the timetable.
Secondary school-aged pupils working towards accreditations and/or exam qualifications	Any exam assessment work will be completed in school. All pupils following an exam Programme of Study will be provided with the work to support them as part of their home learning package.

Accessing remote education

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

The remote learning software we use at Westfield will include:-

- Purple Mash (all subject areas)
- Reading Eggs
- Oxford Owl (spelling, RWI and story books)
- Numeracy Warm up and Workout
- BusyThings (primary pupils)
- White Rose (Maths)

Links to these are included on our website 'Home Learning' section and in individual resource packs.

We will also offer lessons via Microsoft Teams, work set on Google Classroom and/or Google One drive and Google hangouts for social interaction.

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:-

- You will notify the class teacher if your child needs to borrow a school laptop to access remote learning.
- The Leader of Learning will co-ordinate with the class teachers and the IT Technician to deliver your child the necessary technology for your child to complete home learning.
- If you do not have access to a printer the school will deliver or post the necessary paper copies of work that your child requires.
- We can also support access to the internet through providing wireless hubs.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

At Westfield a variety of approaches will be used to teach pupils remotely. The approaches adopted will depend on the need of the pupils, the Key Stage they are in and their level of need.

Some of our pupils may struggle to engage with home learning so our focus for these pupils is to supply them with activities that they are familiar with in school and can do with ease even in the home environment. Our aim is for parents to encourage paper based and/or online work tasks supplied by the class teacher and for them to let the school know if there is a preference so the teachers can provide this style of learning for their child. Our teachers will use a variety of platforms, including:-

- live teaching (online learning via Teams)
- recorded teaching (e.g. White Rose, RWI via YouTube/Facebook, Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- printed paper learning packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, activities, resources and worksheets) hand delivered by the school or sent in the post
- Reading books sent home to pupils or via the Reading Eggs or Oxford Owl website

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?

- The staff at Westfield appreciate that the engagement of learning will look different at home to how it is in school. Teachers and staff can recommend methods of motivating pupils and your child's preferred learning style.
- We will encourage all parents to punctuate work tasks with sensory breaks. Short sessions will be encouraged alongside the use of visual timetables to support learning routines with 'now and next' prompts.

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

- Staff will make regular contact with parents and we will endeavour to ensure that discussions with parents and carers will include the engagement and motivation of your child in regards to their home learning. We would never want to make home learning too difficult for parents to manage.

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

Our approach to feeding back on pupil work is as follows:-

- Feedback on learning will take place in different forms. It will be via the staff team to the parents and/or pupil on line, via phone or by returned work with comments and next steps for learning. All staff will continue to keep records of assessment for all pupils so that pupil progress can be monitored.

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 SEND pupils 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:-

- Our main priority will always be with pupil wellbeing and safety and if this is stable then we will request that you assist your child with their home learning.
- Our SEND pupils will often need an adult to scaffold their learning however in many cases once the adult has helped to set up and/or explain the task the pupil will be able to work independently.
- Staff will make it clear what learning needs support and when it is suitable for a pupil to complete a task independently.
- Staff will always encourage parents to promote independent study where possible.
- When live learning is taking place we encourage parents/carers to let their child work on this independently where appropriate
- All pupils will be supplied with log in and passwords details presented in a familiar format to make it user friendly. User guides for accessing online learning will be posted on the school website on the home learning tab.

Remote education for self-isolating pupils

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

The learning in this case will take the form of a school learning pack that will be delivered or sent home with your child to cover the period of time they are off isolating from school.