



Remote education provision January 2021

Remote education provision: information for parents

This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to pupils and parents or carers about what to expect from remote education where national or 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?

The online platform that Oakfield Lodge School is using for remote learning is Google Classroom. Each student has a personal log in for this platform and a log on for My Maths. A timetable has been issued for students to follow each day. Staff are available throughout the school day to support.

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 Oakfield Lodge School we will endeavor to teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate.

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:

Key Stage 3 and 4	5 Hrs AM/PM
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Accessing remote education

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

Students will access Oakfield Lodge School curriculum via Google Classroom and My Maths platform.

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:

During the Summer term 2020 we compiled a survey to assess the students who had access to digital/online and those who would need support. We were allocated a number of devices and wifi dongles from DfE to support the most vulnerable. Laptops and dongles were distributed to the majority of students attending Oakfield Lodge School and extra devices were purchased using the catch up funding.

How will my child be taught remotely?

At Oakfield Lodge School we use a combination of the following approaches to teach pupils remotely:

- Live teaching (online lessons)
- Recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- Printed paper work 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.

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?

At Oakfield Lodge School we expect students to be logging on to Google Classroom by 09.00am to participate in Form Time activities. Lessons start at 09.30 as per the student timetable. Parental support is extremely important to ensure that the student is fully engaged in remote learning and that no lessons are missed. This can be achieved by setting up a home learning routine, ensuring that the student is logging on to lessons at the correct time and they are logging on supporting the students with tasks where appropriate.

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

Oakfield Lodge staff will ensure that students are monitored daily and contact recorded on our school CPOMS system. Contact with parents/carer will be made if the student has not logged on or submitted work. Contact home will be made by phone, email or home visit.

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:

- Work is uploaded for marking feedback via Google Classroom or e-mail.
- My Maths marks each question and gives the student feedback on how well they have done at each question.
- During Live sessions verbal feedback is given on some tasks.
- Using chat facilities to give written feedback and support.
- Work packs are posted or delivered to those students not engaging with online learning and these will be collected back via home visits.

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?

Oakfield Lodge staff will work with parents and carers closely to support with remote online learning. Staff will make daily contact with parents/carers to ensure that the student is logging on and engaging. Any technical difficulties or issues that arise, staff are available to support via telephone or attend home visits. All parental contact is recorded via our CPOMS system.

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?

Due to the current national lockdown restrictions, lessons at Oakfield lodge currently remain the same for those students who would be self-isolating as they are for students who are able to attend school. This will be updated when the restrictions are lifted.

More information can be found in the remote learning policy on our website.