

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. All pupil will bring chromebooks to and from school daily to reduce disruption and days lost in the event of a closure.

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

Parents/Carers will be contacted by form tutors in the event of a closure due to Covid-19. They will share the plan and the contact details of those facilitating the remote education.

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?

All pupils will receive the same offer whether they are in school or at home. All lessons are taught LIVE and your child must access this via Google Classroom. School leaders and Pastoral staff will monitor attendance and engagement, provide support and assess impact.

Pupil and staff wellbeing is addressed by:

Changing the timings of sessions.

- Providing a break from screen time between sessions.
- Providing varied activities that can be completed independently or with support.
- Providing daily check-ins by school leaders, pastoral staff, mental health and intervention support. The staysafe@brookfieldschool.co.uk email address is also available 24hrs/day for further support..

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:

Lessons start daily at 0915 with staff online from 0900. The final lesson of the day is a supported independent task taking place at 2pm until 3pm.

A focus is placed on core subjects, personal development and physical activity. Intervention, therapy and specialist support sessions will continue to take place.

Accessing remote education

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

All pupils will be provided with a Chromebook and access to Google Classroom. Support is available between school hours and out of hours via staysafe@brookfieldschool.co.uk. Lessons are taught LIVE with resources available before and afterwards. For those that struggle accessing lessons, 1:1 support is available by request or if school feel that engagement is affected.

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:

- Provide a Chromebook for all pupils
- Provide a 4G dongle by request
- Provide additional 4G data to a mobile phone to support hotspot access

Provide paper based work that is picked up and marked regularly

How will my child be taught remotely?

We use the following approaches to teach pupils remotely:

LIVE lessons daily in classes/year groups

1:1 intervention and additional support where needed

Paper copies of all work for those who prefer to learn offline.

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?

We will do everything to support families to access the core learning offer but fully understand the challenges faced. We will ensure that some contact is achieved daily and will record attendance by session to support planning. If school or parents believe that attendance, engagement or learning is below expected levels, intervention strategies will be applied immediately.

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

We monitor attendance and engagement very closely and any reduction will result in additional support being provided immediately. Google Classroom and form tutors will monitor and report any concerns to SLT and pastoral staff who are prepared with additional resources and access to support.

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

We will continue to follow the school policy for marking and feedback but the nature of remote learning will require this to be done virtually. LIVE feedback will be provided by teachers and Google Classroom resources will provide immediate feedback to questions answered.

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 some pupils, for example some pupils 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 pupils in the following ways:

Online and in person support is available and robust monitoring systems will ensure that pupil progress does not suffer. Expectations remain high but considerate of the pressures on pupils, families and staff.

Regular review of provision and its effectiveness will take place to ensure that all pupils receive the very best access, offer and support options.

Remote education for self-isolating pupils

Our online, LIVE offer should provide sufficient options to enable continued engagement for those needing to self isolate.

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

Pupils will continue to receive the same offer and additional support is avalaible for those that require it.

Brookfield School expects a level of disruption to pupil learning but has invested time into providing a comprehensive online/remote offer that reacts to need via constant review of engagement and effectiveness.

We require and appreciate the commitment of parents and carers to make this work for all concerned.

Any questions, queries or requests should be directed via staysafe@brookfieldschool.co.uk. A response will be sent within 24hours.