

Remote Learning

The school's approach to remote learning is based upon consideration of the age of the children at Rushcombe First School, as well as research into best practice, including from sources such as the DfE and Ofsted. During periods of national school closures due to Covid-19, or in the event of individual children or year groups being required to isolate due to Covid-19, the school will use Microsoft Teams to deliver remote learning. All families are provided with log in details to enable them to access this platform.

Children's sessions for each day will be provided via Microsoft Teams. Sessions will either take the form of written assignments, which parents and children will be able to read or print off, or they will take the form of videos that have been recorded by a member of the teaching staff. In the event of national school closures or year group closures, we will endeavour to provide a mix of recorded lessons and written assignments on a daily basis. In the event of individual children needing to isolate, remote learning provision will be in the form of written assignments only, due to the ongoing commitment of the teacher to be teaching on a full-time basis.

Both the written assignments and the recorded lessons will aim to recreate the normal structure of a taught session. When accessing recorded sessions, parents and children will be able to pause and rewind the video at different points, enabling personalisation of how the resource is used to support learning. Once children have completed their tasks, they will be able to upload their learning via Microsoft Teams, so that teachers can monitor their progress and provide regular feedback. Groups of children will also be invited to attend live sessions via Microsoft Teams, which will enable children to maintain contact with teachers and peers and to take part in additional activities.

The curriculum that is provided through remote learning will remain broadly in line with the curriculum coverage that would otherwise have been covered in school, however there may need to be some adaptations to enable content to be delivered remotely. During periods of remote learning, the curriculum will continue to be delivered through the school's Learning Adventures, including the use of some aspects of our mantle of the expert approach to provide highly engaging contexts for learning. We will endeavour to sustain as much familiarity as possible for children within the approaches that we use for remote learning, including the continued use of the Rushcombe Learning Hero reward system through teacher marking.

The first few days of a child's remote learning may look different to the standard approach that will be adopted, whilst the school puts in place the necessary systems. Children in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) will receive learning that is planned to equate to 3 hours per day, whilst children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) will receive learning that is planned to equate to 4 hours per day.

Differentiation will be included within all relevant tasks, enabling the learning to meet the needs of the full range of children. Due to their age and stage of development, Early Years Foundation children would not be expected to complete 3 hours of formal learning per day, but they will be set tasks that target the key areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, including more open ended and exploratory activities. Children with specific educational needs will continue to receive tailored provision through targeted differentiation within the written assignments / recorded lessons provided for the rest of the class, or through individualised resources where required.

If a family does not have a device or internet connection to support their child's remote learning at home, they should contact the school office, who will endeavour to help / provide guidance about possible routes of support. The Department for Education (DfE) has set up a scheme to provide devices to disadvantaged children who are unable to access remote education during coronavirus (COVID-19). If you think you meet the criteria to receive a device, please contact the school office, who will look into the possibility of obtaining a device on your behalf through the scheme. In addition, the government are also providing support to help families who need an internet connection to get internet access. If you do not have access to the internet, once again, please contact the school office, who will be able to look into this for you.

If you are having any other problems with the provision of home learning, the school can explore with families other ways in which learning can be provided, for example, by printing resources and posting them. In order to provide ongoing support to all families, parents will also be provided with direct contact to their child's year group teachers via a school email address. Regular phone contact will also be made by teachers to all families during the course of school / year group closures or for individual isolations due to Covid-19. During whole school / year group closures, live video calls will also be used to support the emotional wellbeing of children by maintaining valuable contact with their teachers.

Due to the unpredictable nature of the situation concerning the Covid-19 pandemic, including issues that may arise from high levels of staff absence, the arrangements as outlined above may be subject to some changes and we would appreciate your patience in these circumstances. Through our provision of this range of approaches in the delivery of remote learning, we aim to provide high

quality sessions, resources and modes of support to enable children to continue to sustain progress whilst they are learning at home.

We would also like to thank parents for the wonderful support they are providing for children during periods of home learning. We recognise that families will be facing many pressures during these times, and we would like to reassure all families that whatever you can do to support your child's learning will be of great value. If we can be of any further help, please do contact either your child's class teacher via the class email address or contact the school office (office@rushcombe.dorset.sch.uk) - by continuing to work in partnership during these times, we will provide the best possible experiences of remote learning for our children.