



Remote Education Offer

Information for Parents

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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 if national, 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 school website and 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?

Pupils will be able to access learning materials on their Google Classroom as soon as they are asked to work from home. They will also be able to access other online resources which have links on our school website (see below)

In the event of a full lockdown or year group isolation, teachers at Graham School will be delivering the curriculum through live lessons on Google Meet (the link to join each live lesson is on your child's google classroom) and by setting work and homework on Google classroom, Hegarty maths, Sam learning and other web-links – your child will be directed to these by their subject teacher and they are listed on our website.

Sam Learning - <https://www.samlearning.com/>

Our Centre ID is YO12RS. User IDs are 'Date of Birth (DoB) and Initials' e.g. 300507DB. Passwords can be reset on request.)

Google classroom - <https://classroom.google.com/>

GCSE pod - <https://www.gcsepod.com/>

The National Oak Academy - <https://www.thenational.academy/>

Hegarty maths - <https://hegartymaths.com/login/learner>

BBC bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

BBC teach (only available during national lockdown) - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach>

Careers platform, which has links to providers <https://www.startprofile.com/>

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 remotely as we do in school.
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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:

Secondary school-aged pupils not working towards formal qualifications this year	As a minimum students are expected to follow their normal timetable, which is five hours of teaching each day. Y11 students may have extra online lessons to support them.
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Accessing remote education

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

The following online tools and digital platforms will be routinely used:

Google classroom - <https://classroom.google.com/>

GCSE pod - <https://www.gcsepod.com/>

The National Oak Academy - <https://www.thenational.academy/>

Hegarty maths - <https://hegartymaths.com/login/learner>

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Careers platform with links and providers <https://www.startprofile.com/>

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:

In this section, please provide high-level information (where applicable, and ensuring parents know how to contact the school for further details) about:

- We are working hard with the government to ensure all students can access online learning. Please speak to your child's Head of Year about how we can support you with this, if you need help
- We can supply you with a laptop if you do not have one for your child to use. Please contact us at school if you would like this support. We can also apply for extra digital data for you if you contact us
- Any student who has no access to live lessons can have printed copies of work, which can be collected from the school's reception. All completed work can be returned to the school reception and will be passed to your child's teacher for marking.
- There is a series of videos on the school website with tips for parents/carers and students on how to access work remotely

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- live teaching (online lessons) using Google Meet
- recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons ,hegarty maths, GCSEpods and video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences
- printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- textbooks and reading books pupils have at home
- long-term project work and/or internet research activities

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 expect students to follow their normal timetable each day (this is glued into your child's school planner – please contact your child's Head of Year if they do not have a copy of their planner). Staff will take a register as normal. As a safeguarding measure and to remove any barriers to accessing live lessons, if necessary, we will contact you to check why your child has not attended their live lesson.
- Please go through your child's timetable with them to see what lessons they have each day and check what your child will need in order to get the best from the lesson – a google doc or slide open etc. This is also an opportunity to check if your child has any homework set and what date it has to be submitted by. The 'How to' videos on our website might help you to support your child.

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

- A register of each lesson is taken by each teacher, which is what would happen if your child was in the school building. For students who have not engaged with live lessons we will contact home. This contact could be by the class teacher (this could be via telephone or email), Behaviour Support Officer or Head of

Year. This is to safeguard all students and to work with parents to remove any barriers for accessing remote learning.

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:

- We will continue to mark work and give feedback as normal but through our adapted online marking and feedback systems.
- We will continue to collect data on your child as normal and send out reports to parents. While we are adhering to social distance rules we are unable to have our normal parent's evenings, instead you will receive a written update. There will be the opportunity to contact your child's teachers if you would like further information. Please email your child's subject teacher, at any time, if you have any questions about your child's progress.

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:

- Our SENCo, Mrs Atkinson, and her team will make contact with all parents / carers of pupils with special educational needs to ensure they know how to access learning. This contact will be regular during any period of remote learning.
- Students with EHCPs will be invited into school and will be supported by a TA to access their learning
- Appropriate paper based work will be sent home if more accessible for individual pupils

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?

In most cases, self-isolating pupils will be able to join live lessons which are being delivered in school. Where this is not possible, teachers will support pupils using all the functions of Google Classroom and posting all work undertaken in school on the pupil's Google Classroom.