

The Remote Learning School

Information for Parents

This information document was first published at the start of the national lockdown due to Coronavirus in March 2020. The way of working described, however, will be adopted either fully or in part in the event of further disruption during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Objectives

In the event of school closure, the school will continue to deliver education remotely to the best of its ability, with the aim of minimising disruption to learning. Furthermore, the school recognises the need for young people to remain actively involved in their own education and connected with their teachers, their classes and the wider school community. Isolation presents a risk in itself and the school will strive in every way it can to mitigate the impact of physical closure and ensure that this strong and supportive community remains purposeful and productive.

Remote Teaching & Learning

Teachers will deliver lessons daily broadly in accordance with the school timetable. Materials will generally be posted in the morning and pupils should aim to spend an appropriate length of time on each subject in the course of the day. Some pupils and teachers may follow the timetable faithfully hour by hour, but this is not expected or required.

Pupils can reasonably expect the following for each subject:

- A clear statement of the learning objective for the lesson
- Materials to support learning for the day, which may include notes, background reading, worked examples or a link to a video
- Appropriate tasks
- An opportunity to engage with the teacher and seek advice or support

The following points give further clarification.

- Pupils will be required to submit work on a regular basis so that teachers are able to monitor progress. The frequency and the nature of the work will vary from subject to subject.
- Teachers will monitor pupil engagement and any concerns will be directed to the appropriate Head of Year.
- Pupils are strongly encouraged to collaborate or share work online. It is important for us all to maintain connectedness.
- Teachers will try to respond to pupil queries within 24 hours, by means of either an individual reply or one aimed at the whole class.
- Teachers will aim to give feedback on submitted work within 3 days, where possible.

Teachers will only engage in remote teaching and learning activities during normal school hours and not in the evening, at the weekend, or during scheduled school holidays.

Pupil Wellbeing

The wellbeing of pupils remains our primary concern and the school will continue to provide support during a period of closure. Pupils are strongly encouraged to contact their subject teachers or their Head of Year if they have any questions or concerns.

Summary

During a period of closure, it is essential that the school continues to deliver its services as fully as possible by means of remote working. Parents have an important part to play in any educational partnership and this is particularly important when pupils are working at home, away from face-to face contact with their teachers and friends.

At its best, remote learning can be exciting, fulfilling and highly successful. Self-motivation and structure, needless to say, are central to good progress.

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