

Remote Learning
at
Bicker Preparatory School
and
Early Years

Information for Parents

Remote Education Provision

Why are we delivering a Blended Approach to Remote Learning?

We believe that no one approach will meet every family's needs. We have listened to your views and you have told us that:

- Live teaching works better on laptops and PC's rather than mobile phones and tablets.
- Some households have poor quality or limited internet connection.
- Siblings need to share devices.
- Some parents need to work from home.

What curriculum will my child be taught?

We teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school. We have needed to make some adaptations:

PE - Discovery Sport have produced videos for us to make available.

Forest School – a Nature Reserve video has been produced and links to other outdoor learning opportunities will be made available.

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 children broadly the following number of hours each day:

Key Stage 1	Approximately 3 hours per day
Key Stage 2	Approximately 4 hours per day
Reception	Approximately 2 hours in sections of no longer than 20 minutes

Accessing remote education

How will my child access any online remote education?

A Time Table for the week will be sent with details of when to access the different platforms, including links to resources:

Microsoft Teams: Morning Welcome, Live English, Whole School Assembly and Story Time. Additional lessons will be added as we move forward eg Class 5 have added Philosophy and Latin.

Tapestry: For communication and feedback and uploading completed work.

Links to websites: Oak Academy, White Rose Maths.

If my child does not have digital or online access at home, how will you support them to access remote education?

We take the following approaches to support those children to access remote education:

- Weekly packs and printed materials will be delivered to your doorstep – respecting social distance and wearing face masks.
- Phone calls and emails.
- Coaching via the phone – individual slots booked

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- Some live teaching using Microsoft Teams.
- Recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons and video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- Printed packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- Delivery of textbooks and reading books to your doorstep
- Commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips eg White Rose Maths.
- Individual coaching
- Challenges to solve

Engagement and feedback

What are your expectations for my child's engagement and the support that we as parents should provide at home?

- Children at home are expected to access Remote Learning. Including those children on a part time timetable.
- Please maintain the school routine where possible.
- If your child is ill - please call so we can let your teacher know.
- Work is expected to be uploaded for teachers to comment on and to check progress.
- Coaching will be available, we ask that children are encouraged to work as independently as possible. Can you please highlight parts of work that you have helped with.
- Please message your teacher if you have not completed any of the work set.

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

- Teachers will check work daily.
- There will be opportunities for children to mark their own work as well as teacher marking and feedback.
- Children will be asked to feedback on how they feel their learning has gone.
- Teachers will contact you if they see any misconceptions or they want to discuss any particular parts of the learning.

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

- Individual feedback and written comments will be placed on Tapestry or via email from teachers
- Quizzes
- Whole class feedback via Microsoft Teams
- Children's own marking
- Individual coaching

Additional support

- NESSY (a home log in will be provided to the children who use it in school)
- Some work will be differentiated
- Detailed feedback will be given
- Phone calls and additional coaching will be provided where needed

Children in Reception:

Phonics live stream on Microsoft Teams

Story live stream on Microsoft Teams

Videos placed on Tapestry

Access to reading materials will be made available

Please upload work onto Tapestry regularly

Children in Nursery:

Sound of the Week live stream on Microsoft Teams

Challenges set across the week

Story live stream Microsoft Teams

Please upload work onto Tapestry regularly