



Northfield St Nicholas Primary Academy



Remote Education Policy

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1. Introduction

While staying at home due to coronavirus, parents and carers may be worried about their children's development and the effect of missing school. No one expects parents to act as teachers, or to provide the activities and feedback that a school would. Parents and carers should do their best to help children and support their learning while dealing with other demands.

Where a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or there is a local/national lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, we will offer immediate remote education. The online remote education will be available throughout the academic year, as an extension of your child's learning from within the classroom. This can be accessed at any time, and will be updated weekly. We will continue to improve the quality of our existing remote education offer and implement the policy as detailed here.

2. Curriculum

At Northfield St Nicholas Primary Academy we have developed the 'A SUPERHERO' Curriculum to best support the pupils within our local community. Whilst we endeavour to maintain the same high level of provision, we are aware that we cannot directly replicate with remote education. The clear focus of the curriculum is below, followed by how this will be delivered through remote education.

The 'A SUPERHERO' Curriculum

Intent - The intention behind our curriculum is to grow life-long learners. With a carefully designed partnership between the learning of knowledge, and the opportunities to apply transferable skills. Our curriculum will fully equip learners for the future.

Implementation - Our curriculum is implemented through a range of principles encompassed in 'A SUPERHERO' via half termly topics. These are used to continually embed and revisit knowledge and skills in varying contexts. Experiences are provided for learners to showcase their knowledge, skills and understanding at every opportunity.

Impact - Achievement within the 'A SUPERHERO' Curriculum will highlight the impact of the partnership between knowledge building and application of transferable skills. Children are consistently supported and challenged to reach their full potential within their learning.

3. Remote Education Offer

We will:

- Provide a well-sequenced curriculum of learning to facilitate National Curriculum objectives that allows access to high-quality online and offline teaching resources (including teaching videos and online platform access).
- Provide a consistent approach to Google Classroom & Tapestry (Nursery and Reception) in order to support pupil/parent interaction, assessment, feedback and live learning.
- Ensure staff are sufficiently trained to order to effectively support remote learning.
- Provide printed resources for those who have requested them.
- Provide exercise books for the children working via paper packs, to record their learning.
- Ensure that children in Nursery and Reception have similar opportunities provided to them to continue to deliver a broad and ambitious curriculum. This will include supporting parents/carers through Tapestry to promote learning activities.
- Recognise that some pupils with SEND may not be able to access remote education without adult support, and will provide a personalised curriculum working with parents/carers to deliver this.
- Set activities sequenced within topic (Core & Foundation subjects) that are meaningful and ambitious, facilitating learners within basic, advancing and deep challenges.
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- Teach and plan a highly-effective curriculum so that knowledge and skills are built incrementally
- Provide clarity with:
 - What is intended to be taught and practised within each session

- Clear explanations of new content
- Deliver learning by a member of teaching staff or through well-chosen high-quality curriculum resources, weblinks and videos.
- Use monitoring, assessment and feedback to assess progress within the curriculum, using questions, quizzes, assessments and tasks.
- Set clear expectations for when to expect feedback and assessments from a member of teaching staff
- Plan a programme that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school, including regular contact with teaching staff.
- Enable teachers to personalise learning as appropriate. Modify questions, activities, assessments or revising material where necessary to secure understanding.
- Ensure learning provided is timely, suitable, and of adequate length and quantity to support pupils age, stage and development.

In order to provide remote education as detailed above, there are a number of digital learning platforms that we will utilise alongside printed learning (at the request of our parents). If there is not an App available, please access through your preferred browser.

4. Digital Learning Platforms

Many of the digital learning platforms can be accessed via an App. These can be found on a smart device/ipad/iphone in your App or Play Store.

Google Classrooms

Google Classroom is a free tool within G Suite for Education, a set of products including Gmail, Calendar, Docs, Drive, Slides and more. Each child has their own personal log in to enable access to their relevant classroom and resources. More information is available here on our website.

Oak National Academy

Oak National Academy is an online classroom made by teachers. There are nearly 10,000 lessons and resources stored that cover a wide range of subjects, from Early Years Foundation Stage to Year 6 and beyond. In the classrooms, each lesson is 1 hour long. They're delivered by a teacher, with a pre-recorded video as well as quizzes, worksheets and creative activities. It's all easy to use, there's no login or password, you can access the lessons on any device, and pupils only need materials they can find at home. FAQs for parents can be found here: <https://support.thenational.academy/en/collections/2342140-faqs-for-parents>

Times Tables Rock Stars <https://trockstars.com/>

In either paper form or online, Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. Each week concentrates on a different times table, with a recommended consolidation week for rehearsing the tables that have recently been practised every third week or so. This format has very successfully boosted times tables recall speed for hundreds of thousands of pupils over the last 8 years in over 14,000 schools - both primary and secondary - worldwide.

The BBC

Bitesize Daily has been developed by the BBC to provide new lessons every weekday for pupils in year 1 to year 10. Created in collaboration with teachers and educational experts, its videos and interactive activities cover core subjects and other topics on the school curriculum. Content is available for free on television, online and through BBC iPlayer.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

Tapestry (Nursery and Reception)

Tapestry is an online learning journal that is used in Nursery & Reception. Teachers and parents can easily record and view learning outcomes that have been taught and measure the depth of understanding individuals and groups of children have reached.

5. Remote Education Plan

What you can expect from Northfield St Nicholas Primary Academy:

- Access to Google Classroom for your child/children (logins and passwords)
- A Google Classroom 'how to'

- If working via a paper pack of learning, an exercise book to document learning (in the event of lockdown or self/family isolation)
- Regular contact from a member of school staff
- Access to a specific email address where you can send any questions you may have or request a call from a member of staff to discuss any concerns remotelearning@nsnacademy.com

What you can expect from Teaching and Learning Staff (from Rec to Year 6):

- A weekly timetable to show planned learning
- Within each session:
 - The subject
 - National Curriculum objective
 - Teaching and learning resources including videos that can be used
- Daily contact with the class teacher or a member of school staff remotely (in the event of a national lockdown)
- Live lessons (where possible)
- Personalised learning for any children who are supported through an EHCP or those with a highly personalised curriculum
- Regular assessment and feedback on completed learning

What we expect from our pupils:

- To access remote education as regularly as possible and to work as hard as they can
- Follow the Acceptable User Policy for ICT
- Record responses on any paper packs of learning provided within the exercise books provided, or uploaded to Google Classroom (notify teaching staff for assessment and feedback)
- Work independently where possible
- Contact their teaching and learning staff via Google Classroom for support and guidance

What we expect from parents/carers:

- Encouragement to learn
- Monitoring of digital learning and online platforms to ensure appropriate use
- Support and guidance for your child if they need it
- Regular communication with the school

6. Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Effective communication channels are important to support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Many educational platforms that are commonly used include a wide range of free accessibility features. For example, voice-to-text and text-to-speech conversion, or different viewing formats to support pupils with dyslexia and other special educational needs. We acknowledge that not all children will be able to access remote education in the same way.

Pupils with identified SEND will continue to be supported using identified strategies of support following the SEND Code of Practice. Those pupils who receive support from outside agencies will continue to do so through a virtual format either in school or at home. The SENCO will track and monitor all pupils with identified SEND as well as tailor and liaise with the home setting accordingly to offer bespoke support to ensure pupils are able to access relevant learning within the home or school setting in line with their support plan.

Oak National Academy provides specialist content for pupils with SEND. This covers communication and language, numeracy, creative arts, independent living, occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech and language therapy. For children who receive a highly personalised curriculum or are supported through an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), we will endeavour to continue this level of provision throughout the period of lockdown or isolation. At times, and in relation to individual targets, this may not be possible. We will map the provision as close to what the child normally receives in order to provide consistency and support accessibility.

7. Online Safety

We advise the following steps are taken by both children and adults to ensure acceptable use of ICT.

- Understanding that ICT systems are used in a responsible way, to ensure that there is no risk to their safety or to the safety and security of the ICT systems and other users.
- Usernames and passwords are not to be shared with others online, or outside of the family.
- Not to disclose or share personal information about themselves or others when on-line.
- Not to arrange to meet people offline.
- To immediately report/tell an adult if any unpleasant/inappropriate materials/messages or anything that makes them feel uncomfortable when online.
- Platforms are for educational use and should not be used for personal or recreational use unless permission is granted by a responsible parent/carer.
- All users must be polite and responsible when communicating with others: not using strong, aggressive or inappropriate language and appreciating that others may have different opinions.
- Not to take or distribute images of/to anyone.
- To understand that they are responsible for their actions, both in and out of school.

All of the laptops that are loaned to pupils by the school have a monitoring system (SENSO) enabling the Online Safety and safeguarding team to check that the Laptops are being used correctly.

More information about staying safe can be found here: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2020/march/undertaking-remote-teaching-safely#heading-top>

Parents can also use these resources to keep children safe online:

- [Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online
- [Parent info](#) is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- [Childnet](#) offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support
- [Internet matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world
- [London Grid for Learning](#) has support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including tips to keep primary aged children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, including a guide to social networks, apps and games
- [Let's Talk About It](#) has advice for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online service