

Somerset School

Information for Parents

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?

Your son or daughter's tutor or a member of SLT will contact you to put in a place a bespoke package for your child. As all of our learners needs are very different, each child will have a different tailored package to suit their individual needs. We will do our best to offer a range of appropriate and activities, which could include work packs, live zoom lessons and/or interactive virtual lessons such as Dr Frost maths.

How long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?

This will vary from pupil to pupil depending on their individual needs. We will involve parents in the decision making process when we plan out a package for your child.

Accessing remote education

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

We will discuss with you what technology you have at home and will design a package around what technology you have available to you.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

Some examples of remote teaching approaches:

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

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?

As all our learners have individual needs, we will liaise with each family to put in place a bespoke package to support them.

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?

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