



Keble Preparatory School

Remote/Blended Learning Policy Spring 2021

During the school closures in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in the UK, schools found they had to quickly adapt to providing pupils with learning opportunities they could access from home. Over the course of the subsequent lockdown period, school leaders and teachers had to develop systems for delivering home learning to their pupils for a significant amount of time. Now that schools have reopened to all pupils and classroom learning is returning largely to 'normal', it is more important than ever to have a plan in place to support any potential home learning for classes, year groups or the whole school, should a need to isolate or close again happen during the ongoing pandemic.

To be fully prepared in the event of future closures, partial closures or isolation of bubbles, Keble Prep has carefully considered, consulted on and developed this policy for remote learning. The overarching goal is to enable pupils to access high-quality teaching and learning even when they are unable to attend school. The policy outlines how teachers and other school staff will work to provide remote learning, whether they are delivering blended learning through the provision of both in-school and online lessons, or only accessing online home learning.

1. Statement of School Philosophy

Keble Prep has always strived to be creative, innovative and support our parents/pupils in the best way possible to make learning purposeful and holistic. Our strategy for remote learning continues this.

2. Aims

This Remote Education Policy aims to:

- Ensure consistency in the approach to remote learning for all pupils (Inc. SEND) who aren't in school through use of quality Online and offline resources and teaching videos
- Provide clear expectations members of the school community with regards to delivery high quality interactive remote learning
- Include continuous delivery of the school curriculum, as well as support of Motivation, Health and Well-Being and Parent support
- Consider continued education for staff and parents (e.g. CPD, Supervision and Meet the Teacher)

- Support effective communication between the school and families and support attendance

3 .Who is this policy applicable to?

- A child (*and their siblings if they are also attending Keble Prep*) is absent because they are awaiting test results and the household is required to self-isolate. The rest of their school bubble are attending school and being taught as normal.
- A child's whole bubble is not permitted to attend school because they, or another member of their bubble, have tested positive for Covid-19.
- Remote learning will be shared with families when they are absent due to Covid related reasons and not to all at start of week

4. Content and Tools to Deliver This Remote Education Plan

Resources to deliver this Remote Education Plan include:

- Online tools for EYFS KS1 KS2 and KS3 including SeeSaw and Google classroom, *as well as for staff CPD and parents sessions.*
- Use of Recorded video and Live Google Meets for Start Day registration and some Live Meet lessons, instructional videos and assemblies
- Phone calls home
- Printed learning packs
- Physical materials such as story books and writing tools
- Use of BBC Bitesize, Oak Academy, TinkerCad, Scratch, *DoodleMaths and Sum Dog*

5. Home and School Partnership

Keble Prep is committed to working in close partnership with families and recognises each family is unique and because of this remote learning will look different for different families in order to suit their individual needs.

Keble Prep will provide screen recordings for parents on how to use Google Classroom and Seesaw as appropriate and where possible, provide personalised resources.

Where possible, it is beneficial for young people to maintain a regular and familiar routine. Keble Prep would recommend that each 'school day' maintains structure and pupils follow where possible the timetable.

We would encourage parents to support their children's work, including finding an appropriate place to work and, to the best of their ability, support pupils with work encouraging them to work with good levels of concentration.

Every effort will be made by staff to ensure that work is set promptly. Should accessing work be an issue, parents should contact school promptly and alternative solutions may be available. These will be discussed on a case-to-case basis.

All children sign an 'Acceptable Use Policy' at school which includes e-safety rules and this applies when children are working on computers at home.

6. Roles and responsibilities

Teachers

To note: the suggested responsibilities below relate to where a whole class/bubble is isolating and would be reduced when there are fewer children isolating and the majority of the class are in school.

Keble Prep will provide online training sessions and induction for new staff on how to use Seesaw/ Google Classroom.

When providing remote learning, teachers must be available between 8.30 - 3.45 pm

If they are unable to work for any reason during this time, for example due to sickness or caring for a dependent, they should report this using the normal absence procedure.

When providing remote learning, teachers are responsible for:

- Setting work
 - Teachers will set work for the pupils in their classes. This includes those responsible for streamed groups in Year 5 and 6
 - The work set should follow the usual timetable for the class had they been in school, wherever possible
 - Weekly/daily work will be shared
 - Teachers in Reception - Y8 will be setting work on *Google Classroom*
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- Providing feedback on work:
 - All curriculum tasks
 - Or As per the marking policy
- Keeping in touch with pupils who aren't in school and their parents:
 - If there is a concern around the level of engagement of a pupil/s parents should be contacted via phone to assess whether school intervention can assist engagement.
 - All parent/carer emails should come through the school email accounts

- Any complaints or concerns shared by parents or pupils should be reported to a member of SLT– for any safeguarding concerns, refer immediately to the DSL

Teaching Assistants

Teaching assistants must be available during their set working hours.

If they are unable to work for any reason during this time, for example due to sickness or caring for a dependent, they should report this using the normal absence procedure.

During the school day, the teaching assistant must complete tasks as directed by a member of the SLT.

Senior Leaders

Alongside any teaching responsibilities, senior leaders are responsible for:

- Co-ordinating the remote learning approach across the school inc daily monitoring of engagement.
- Monitoring the effectiveness of remote learning – explain how they'll do this, such as through regular meetings with teachers and subject leaders, reviewing work set or reaching out for feedback from pupils and parents
- Monitoring the security of remote learning systems, including data protection and safeguarding considerations

Designated safeguarding lead

The DSL is responsible for managing and dealing with all safeguarding concerns. For further information, please see the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (paying particular attention to the COVID annex).

IT Technicians

IT technicians are responsible for:

- Fixing issues with systems used to set and collect work
- Helping staff with any technical issues they're experiencing
- Reviewing the security of remote learning systems and flagging any data protection breaches to the data protection officer
- Assisting pupils and parents with accessing the internet or devices

The SENCO

Liaising with the Director of Digital Learning and the technicians to ensure that the technology used for remote learning is accessible to all pupils and that reasonable adjustments are made where required.

- Ensuring that pupils with EHC plans continue to have their needs met while learning remotely, and liaising with the headteacher and other organisations to make any alternate arrangements for pupils with EHC plans and IHPs
- Identifying the level of support

The Bursar

- Ensuring value for money when arranging the procurement of equipment or technology.
- Ensuring that the school has adequate insurance to cover all remote working arrangements.

Pupils and parents

Staff can expect pupils learning remotely to:

- Complete work to the deadline set by teachers
- Seek help if they need it, from teachers
- Alert teachers if they're not able to complete work

Staff can expect parents with children learning remotely to:

- Make the school aware if their child is sick or otherwise can't complete work
- Seek help from the school if they need it – if you know of any resources staff should point parents towards if they're struggling, include those here
- Be respectful when making any complaints or concerns known to staff

Governing Board

The governing board is responsible for:

- Monitoring the school's approach to providing remote learning to ensure education remains as high quality as possible
- Ensuring that staff are certain that remote learning systems are appropriately secure, for both data protection and safeguarding reasons

7. Links with other policies and development plans

This policy is linked to our:

- Safeguarding
- Behaviour policy
- Child protection policy
- Data protection policy and privacy notices
- Online safety acceptable use policy
- Digital and hardware Development Planning