



Prudhoe Castle First School Remote education provision: information for parents

This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to pupils and parents or carers about what to expect from remote education if local restrictions require entire cohorts (or bubbles) to remain at home. This should be read in conjunction with the [information](#) from the DfE on Remote Education.

For details of what to expect where individual pupils are self-isolating, please see the final section of this page.

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 on the first day or two of pupils being sent home?

If children have been sent home to isolate, work will be made available on the first day of full absence via Google Classroom for children to access. This will mirror, as much as possible, what children are working on in class.

Following the first few days of remote education, will my child be taught broadly the same curriculum as they would if they were in school?

We teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate. However, we have needed to make some adaptations in some subjects in terms of the order of curriculum delivery and practical subjects such as Science, PE, Music, DT and Drama, to ensure they are accessible at home.

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 pupils broadly the following number of hours each day:

Reception	Children are provided with work equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school. This would be <u>up to 3 hours a day</u> and includes any teaching time as well as time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently. In Reception, an important part of the curriculum is learning through play and exploration. This will also be considered within the daily allocated activities.
Key Stage 1	Children are provided with work equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school. This would be <u>at least 3 hours a day</u> and includes any teaching time as well as time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently.
Key Stage 2	Children are provided with work equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school. This would be <u>at least 4 hours a day</u> and includes any teaching time as well as time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently.

Accessing remote education

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

Children will access all work via google classroom and submit their work using Tapestry (EYFS) or Seesaw (Y1-Y4).

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

We recognise that some pupils may not have suitable online access at home. We take the following approaches to support those pupils to access remote education:

Parents of children who cannot access online work at home have been asked to contact admin@prudhoecastle.northumberland.sch.uk outlining their area of need. Queries and questions will be directed to the appropriate class teacher who will respond. If children need a laptop to access the remote learning, the school will provide one with the parent/carer being asked to collect. If parents are struggling with internet access, they are asked to contact the school office so we can support them with this. If children are still struggling to access the technology needed they will be offered the opportunity to attend school (only applicable during lockdown).

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

Children will access learning via google classroom. A weekly plan will be uploaded to their Google Classroom. During lockdown, lessons will be provided in a range of formats. This may include: pre-recorded lessons, video links, written tasks or web links for the children to access. Children are provided with a programme of learning, across a range of subject areas for each day. For partial closure (where groups of children are isolating) a 2 week block of work will be uploaded onto the Google Classroom. The plan will mirror the curriculum on offer to all pupils, this may be delivered in different forms that may include, pre-recorded sessions, links to websites such as Oak Academy or written instructions. Children will be asked to submit specified pieces of work throughout the week and feedback will be given at regular intervals using comments, verbal feedback, Mote or pre-recorded messages.

We will use a combination of the following:

- Oak Academy Learning Platform
- BBC Bitesize
- Pre-recorded teaching (video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- Direct pupils to subject specific websites such as Oxford Owl, Oak Academy etc.
- SeeSaw/Tapestry apps
- Twice weekly live 'check ins' with class teachers

Engagement and feedback

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

During lockdown children are expected to log into their Google Classroom each day to complete the lessons set. Staff will monitor engagement across the week and parents will be contacted if children have not engaged fully/completed work set. Children will be expected to submit specific pieces of work each week which will be highlighted on the weekly timetable. This is a minimum requirement and they may wish to share evidence for each lesson throughout the day. If children do not submit regular work their class teacher will contact parents via telephone. If there isn't an improvement in engagement following this conversation, parents will be contacted by the Head

Teacher. We would ask you to talk to child/ren about their work and support them in following the tasks set on their weekly timetable. For Partial closure we would expect children to follow the procedures above.

Where necessary, during lockdown class teachers and teaching assistants will carry out a welfare telephone call to each family (including vulnerable and SEND children) at least once a week to give parents the opportunity to ask any questions. This is also an opportunity for us to signpost support to help those children struggling during lockdown.

Class teachers will host a Monday 'check in' using Google Meet with their class outlining what they will be learning in the week ahead. There will also be a Friday 'check in' using Google Meet with the classes where class teachers will celebrate positive achievements from throughout the week. The weekly newsletter will also include information and 'shout outs' as well as highlight our 'Stars of the Week'.

Children who are classified as vulnerable will get additional phone calls each week from the class teacher to check on welfare. Any SEND student will receive 1-2 phone calls a week via the class teacher/teaching assistant/SENDCO to discuss and provide additional support and guidance where necessary.

Through these check ins and Google Meetings any safeguarding concerns will be recorded via the normal CPOMS process by staff and managed through the DSL team. During partial closure children will still have additional wellbeing phone calls will be made if it is appropriate.

We recognise that remote learning can be a challenge for families. Parents are most likely juggling home learning for 1 or more children at the same time as working from home themselves. We will continue to work with you to support as much as we can during this time. Below is a suggested daily schedule but it is understood that this is not always possible.

Suggested Daily Schedule

8.50 - 9.15	Log in - get ready to learn
9.15-10.15	English
10.15-10.45	Break
10.45-11.45	Maths
11.45-12.45	Lunch
12.45- 1.45	Foundation Subject
1.45 - 2.15	Break
2.15 - 3.15	Foundation Subject (KS2 only)

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

We will track engagement across the week which includes tracking attendance at live meeting sessions and the work which is submitted. If your child is struggling with their on-line work, please contact the class teacher who will either call or email depending on the issues. Teaching staff will only respond during their working hours and it may be after 3pm when as they will still be teaching you should email the office who will direct your questions to the classroom teacher who will either call or email depending on the issue.

Parents will be contacted if children do not engage regularly or submit the required work by the class teacher or class teaching assistant. First and foremost this is to ensure there are no issues no concerns and to support in any way we can. If, after this conversation, children are still not engaging and no issues have been identified, this will be followed up by the Head Teacher. During lockdown teachers will be completing a centralised tracker for all children to record whether children have submitted their work.

Parental Concerns

If parents have concerns about on-line work or concerns regarding their child's well-being, they should contact the class teacher, via the admin email address.

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

Feedback can take many forms and may not always mean extensive written comments for individual children. For example, whole-class feedback or quizzes marked automatically via digital platforms are also valid and effective methods, amongst many others. Our approach to feeding back on pupil work is as follows:

Full or Partial Closure

Classes will follow the school assessment guidance and will be checking children's work regularly. (see above). Classwork may be acknowledged by a comment on google classroom/Seesaw, written feedback on an assignment, via SeeSaw, via Google Meet sessions, a mark for a quiz etc.

Where children are self isolating and the majority of children are in school children will be assessed in the same way as those in school.

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?**

We recognise that some pupils, for example some pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), may not be able to access remote education without support from adults at home. We acknowledge the difficulties this may place on families, and we will work with parents and carers to support those pupils in the following ways:

Where appropriate, any SEND student will receive 1-2 phone calls a week via their class teacher and teaching assistant to provide additional support and guidance. Teachers will provide an adapted offer via Google Classroom which meets the needs of the individual child. During lockdown any SEND student who continues to struggle will be offered the opportunity to come and work in school so that children and families can be supported by staff.

If my child is not in school because they are self-isolating, how will their remote education differ from the approaches described above?

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. In this instance we will follow scenario 1 in our remote education plan and will send home a 2 week block of work linked to the National Oak Academy and our termly curriculum plans.