



'Ambitious for All'

REMOTE EDUCATION PROVISION (PARENT INFORMATION)

This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to students and parents or carers about what to expect from remote education where national or local restrictions require entire cohorts (or bubbles) to remain at home.

The Remote Curriculum: What is taught to students at home?

When students are accessing their schoolwork from home, the school will provide a curriculum which matches as closely as possible the one which would be taught in school. Individual teachers will continue to guide their students through the same content using, as far as possible, the same teaching techniques as would have been the case if the students were in school.

In some subjects topics may be swapped in the year curriculum plan to meet the needs of the students whilst realising elements can be delivered better when students are back learning at school.

What should my child expect from immediate remote education in the first day or two of students being sent home?

For all students/whole cohorts at home, students will receive immediate Online Learning delivery known as the Applemore Remote Learning Offer (see below).

For those students self-isolating, their online learning tasks will be available for them to access on the Student Hub.

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. For example, in Physical Education (core) students will not be expected to study in front of a screen but will have tasks to undertake physically.

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 all students broadly 5 hours each day

Accessing Remote Education: How will my child access any online remote education you are providing?

- Students will access every lesson by joining their virtual session on Microsoft TEAMS. (They are registered on this through their school login).
 - Students will access lesson resources, tasks and upload facilities on their O365 Student Hub.
 - Teachers will use online programs such as MathsWatch, GCSEPOD, Oak National Academy, SENECA, Kahoot, and IDL. The online links for any online programme will be available on the Student Hub in the lesson plan.
 - TEAMS can be accessed on laptops, tablets, Smart phones and Xbox/PS4 platforms.
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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 students may not have suitable online access at home. We take the following approaches to support those students to access remote education:

- Parents should contact the school office by phone or email (see below) if they feel their child does not have online access opportunities in place at home or if they feel there is an insufficient number of platforms for the students working at home. In this instance Applemore College will:
- Distribute a laptop (and internet dongle if needed). Our IT manager will prepare the device and put in the reception office. The school reception will notify parents when the device is able to be collected (in most cases this will be the same day)
- Provide online video support to ensure new laptop users understand how to access their lessons and learning – tutorial videos can be accessed via the Student Hub (Resources Page).

Call: 023 8084 8804

Email: askit@applemore.hants.sch.uk

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- Live teaching (online lessons).
- Recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers).
- Tasks (linked to Learning Outcomes) set via the Student Hub.
- Commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences e.g. GCSEPOD, BBC Bitesize.

Please note: Live teaching lessons will include teacher input and setting of tasks however in the majority of lessons teachers will not deliver for 100% of the lesson and students will have time away from the screen.

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?

Students are expected to be fully engaged with their learning, following all their teacher's instructions, completing all the tasks set to the best of their ability and to engage in question and answer sessions when they are asked to. Students are expected to attend every lesson, a register will be taken.

Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's engagement by speaking to them and reviewing work set and completed on the Student Hub (via Parent Apple Link).

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

- Teachers will record engagement levels for each student, every lesson and will combine this judgement with student engagement when uploading work to the Student Hub.

- If your child has not engaged in online lessons and/or Student Hub uploads you will be notified, via parent messenger on a weekly basis.

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 student work is as follows:

Individual teachers will give feedback to students in a number of ways. These will include:

- 'Live' in lesson time when students can self-mark and/or be guided to improving their work by their teacher
- Submitting work to the Student Hub where the teacher will give individual and/or whole group feedback.
- This feedback will be emailed back to students. Each teacher will guide their students through the process they want them to follow.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS 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 students, for example some students 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 students in the following ways:

- Students with the highest level of need and who therefore have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) are entitled to attend school during the lockdown. Each of these students has an allocated key member of learning support staff to help them. If these students opt to work from home, they will receive weekly support from their key member of staff.
- Other students with additional needs will have their engagement and progress with remote learning closely tracked and additional support will be offered if there are any difficulties. This would involve extra support from the SENCO and Learning Support Assistants and closer liaison with home. Learning Support Assistants attend online lessons and are able to provide individual support in live lessons and in breakout rooms.

- We are an inclusive school and we expect the vast majority of students to be able to access the remote learning. Teachers are regularly reminded of student's individual needs and are encouraged to make their remote lessons accessible to all learners.

THE APPLEMORE REMOTE LEARNING OFFER

From Monday 11th January 2021 your child's teachers will deliver a combination of online learning opportunities including live lessons on Microsoft TEAMS, pre-recorded lessons, Oak National Academy Lessons, MathsWatch and other online programmes. Your child's teachers will set their lessons on the Student Hub that will include Learning Outcomes, Tasks and Assessment opportunities. Your child's teachers will feedback your child's engagement and learning progress.

Your child will follow their usual school timetable and their teacher will be available via TEAMS for every lesson to support the learning and answer any queries.