



DANESHOLME JUNIOR ACADEMY

Remote Education Policy January 2021

When does this policy apply?

There are different circumstances where children may need to access their education remotely:

- Self-isolation that applies only to their family
- Self-isolation as a result of a school 'bubble' closing
- In the event of a national lockdown.

Will my child be taught broadly the same curriculum as they would if they were in school?

- We will plan the same curriculum for remote learning as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate. We may need to make some adaptations in some subjects to enable students to work at home. For example, curriculum subjects taught in the afternoon may be more flexible and research based for children at home.

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

- We expect that remote education (including teaching, independent research and reading, physical activities) will take pupils broadly four hours each day, as per the current government guidance.

How will my child be taught remotely?

In the case of self-isolation that applies only to an individual family:

- All resources can be found on our website: [Home learning when self-isolating](#)
- A suggested daily timetable is provided.
- Learning links are provided for a ten day period.
- Children can also access Times tables Rock Stars - they have their own log in details for this.
- Paper-based learning packs can be provided on request.

In the case of self-isolation as a result of a school 'bubble' closing or in the event of a national lockdown:

- All children will have access to Microsoft Teams for their online learning. Instructions for access are on the school website [Remote learning information](#)
- All teaching and learning resources will be on Teams.
- Children can also access Times tables Rock Stars and My Maths - they have their own log in details for this.
- An English and Maths book will be available for all pupils – these can be collected from school at designated times. Pens and pencils can also be provided.

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

- recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons).
- video/audio recordings made by Danesholme Junior Academy teachers.
- commercially available websites to support the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips/sequences – such as Youtube.
- Internet research activities – these will be directed and purposeful.
- printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets) for children who cannot access online learning.

Teacher Expectations – Teachers will:

- acknowledge work posted for each lesson by each pupil and comment on it.
- where possible, question, check or assess for understanding with individual pupils.
- plan lessons that are relevant to the curriculum focus for that year group and endeavour to replicate this through video clips and tasks for home learners.
- provide daily videos for key teaching points in English and Maths.
- respond, within reason, to requests for support from families at home and signpost children to further or pastoral support should they need it.

Every effort will be made by staff to ensure that work is set promptly on appropriate platforms but school cannot guarantee that the chosen platforms will work on all devices.

If my child does not have digital or online access at home, how will they be supported to access remote education?

We recognise that some pupils may not have suitable online access at home. We will provide paper based work packs for those children, which can be collected from school on designated days. Refreshed work packs will be available at regular intervals as necessary.

We will do our best to ensure that all children who live in a home without a digital device can receive one. The academy is able to access some laptops through the Department for Education. Our allocation will initially be prioritised for pupils where there is no digital device at all in the home.

We are also able to support with increasing data allowances on mobile devices on the following networks: EE, O2, Sky Mobile, SMARTY, Tesco Mobile, Three, Virgin Mobile, Vodafone. See government information here: [Increasing mobile data allowance](#). For households with no WiFi internet access, we may also be able to support with providing data dongles.

Oak National Academy lessons can be accessed without using any data allowance by O2, Three, Vodafone, EE, BT Mobile and Plusnet users. BBC Bitesize can be accessed by BT Mobile, EE and Plusnet users without using any data allowance.

Suggestions for pupil/parent/guardian

- Where possible, it is beneficial for young people to maintain a regular and familiar routine.
- We recommend that each 'school day' maintains a structure.
- Should anything be unclear in the work that is set, parents and carers can communicate with the class teacher through the school office by telephone message, 01536741657 or by email, admin@danesholmejunioracademy.org
- We 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 their learning.

Children with Additional Needs

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:

- Pupils receive differentiated work packs.
- Online consultations, reviews and Educational Psychologist support will continue go ahead. Parents can contact the Academy SENDCO to discuss pupil's needs on an individual basis.