

Norton Free Remote Learning - October 2020

In the event of a bubble needing to isolate, the learning that would have taken place in school will move to Google classrooms. **All children have been provided with a username and password to access this.** The following Questions and Answers provide an outline of how Google Classroom will be used. In the event that we have two bubbles isolating, please contact the school if you are experiencing difficulties, e.g. if you do not have enough equipment for both children. We will try to help wherever possible. In addition to Google Classroom, you may also be directed to some activities on the website or you may be directed to external links to enhance your child's learning (e.g. *Oak National Academy). **You will be able to download an app onto phones and tablets, please speak to Mr Smith if you need help with this. This will enable you to use all the features.**

**Oak National Academy, is a free online classroom created by teachers in response to the pandemic. Oak has been backed by the Department of Education as part of national contingency plans to deliver remote education as disruption continues. Oak provides nearly 10,000 free, high-quality lessons and resources, with content for the whole academic year across primary, secondary and specialist school curricular which continues to develop in response to the needs of schools.*

Learning at home:

Please ensure that your child has somewhere quiet to work where they won't be interrupted and they are seated at a table with easy access to pens and pencils.

If you experience any difficulties at all, please contact us. If you have a problem with the technology, please let us know as soon as you are able to. If you have two children at home and are struggling, please contact the class teachers as they will be able to guide you through the learning.

What you can expect:

(1) How many hours will children be expected to be learning within each KS per day?

Children will be expected to learn for an amount of time during the day, with frequent breaks and opportunities for movement. No one expects the children to sit and complete all the work in one go. Teachers will guide you depending on the age of your child/children. This time will include teacher input and children completing tasks. Some activities may be more practical and some activities will need a quiet space and time with the class teacher via google classroom.

As a rough guide:

KS1 - 3-4 hours a day with Teacher input in the morning and more practical activities set for the afternoon. This will allow for families to pick up siblings from school if necessary and includes breaks in between, giving children some time away from the screen.

KS2 - 3 - 5 hours, with teacher input spread out through the day, e.g. teach - children do the task - meet back etc. There will be breaks between lessons to allow you to prepare. Teaching will take place during the normal hours of the school day. Teachers will finish at 3:20pm to allow time for marking but children may carry on with activities if they wish to. Times for lessons will be shared on Google classrooms by the class teacher.

(2) Is any flexibility in the timetable or does the learning follow on?

Learning will follow the timetable at school as closely as possible although the work set to be completed at home may be modified to ensure that children have resources, can deliver outcomes etc. Children will be asked whether they have understood the topics covered during that lesson/day. Teaching resources will be available on google classrooms so that the lesson can be referred to again. There will be some flexibility in the timetable to ensure that everyone is involved. Planning may change if there are any misconceptions or may move on if children master concepts quickly. Class teachers may direct the children to look at the lessons on OAK ACADEMY if it fits in with the topic. During the afternoons, activities and tasks will be set and there may be less teacher input. PE will still be a part of the timetable and we encourage you to ask the children to participate in some physical activity - e.g. Joe Wicks.

(3) Will the lesson be live and then give the children time to complete work or will it be a recorded lesson?

As a guide, lessons will start at approximately 9:15am (to allow for siblings to be dropped at school if applicable) and staff will introduce the lessons using google meet, explaining the Lesson Objectives, teaching points, and working through examples. If everyone is available to start earlier, then this will be arranged. Opportunities will be given for children to ask questions and for anyone who needs further support...children will then complete the task set and then meet back for a plenary session with the teacher at a time specified by the class teacher. (Children in KS2 may need longer to complete the task set). During the plenary session, children and the teacher will discuss what they have learned during the lesson. TAs may be deployed to support some children via google meet. At the end of each lesson there will be a short break. After 10 minutes, the class teacher will begin the next lesson which will follow the same format. Children can upload/share work via google classroom. Teachers will provide feedback via Google classroom. As a general rule, each lesson will involve - Meet, teach, discuss, complete a task, meet again. **Currently, we will not be recording lessons but we will be working on recording a bank of lessons in the future. However, we will provide links to Oak Academy where possible.**

(4) What resources will the children need, will these be provided and how will the children access them?

Children will have access to google docs (word, powerpoint and excel for example) where they can complete work. They can also print work off if necessary. Packs can be sent home from school by prior arrangement and if you do not have a printer. You will be directed to the resources that you need. Teachers will provide links to videos or other external resources either on google classrooms or on the class pages on the website. Most learning resources will have been placed on google classroom. We can post things out to you if you cannot access the work via google classrooms. .

(5) How much contact will the children have with the teachers, how often? How will it happen?

Children will have contact with their teachers every day and we will endeavour to keep to the usual timetable where possible. Afternoons may be less structured to allow flexibility for families or for children to carry out further research/ activities. If you come across a problem, please contact the class teacher via email.

(6) How will children receive feedback and how often?

Teachers can provide feedback on each piece of work when it is submitted via google classroom and this will be related to the learning objective. Teachers will highlight something that is good and something that the children can improve upon (next steps). Occasionally, there may not be a comment and a score/sticker/emoji will be given instead. Quizzes will also be provided to reinforce learning. If quizzes are used these are usually marked automatically at the end of the quiz.

7) What the children will need at home and do they have these at home? Will we send home workbooks or paper?

Children will need access to a laptop, ipad or smartphone and will need basic resources such as pens/pencils/ paper to work on if they are unable to print the work off. If you have any concerns about this, please contact the class teacher or Mrs Bell as we can send work /packs from school or you can arrange to pick it up from the school office. If the bubble closure occurs while the children are at school, children **may** be given an exercise book or workbook to take home. If they do, they will complete all their work in this book. This book will need to be returned to school when the children return to school. Other work can be completed via the resources on google classroom.

(8) What can we do if my child has finished everything?

If your child completes all the work set by the teacher and you would like to reinforce their learning, please look at the links that are provided on the school website (class pages). Your child's teacher may provide a list of optional activities to complete or ask them to look at a video, or research more on the internet. Children in KS2 can also use Timestables Rock Stars and children in both Key Stages should always make time for reading!

What we expect:

We expect children to be punctual for the start of the lesson and if there is a problem accessing google classrooms, please let the class teacher know as soon as possible.

- We expect children to listen carefully and put your hand up if you don't understand (the teacher will have their cameras on and will be able to see you).
- Please ensure that your camera is on and your microphone switched to mute.
- All children will have their microphones switched off by the class teacher whilst the teacher is introducing the lesson, please switch them on again when asked to by the class teacher.
- If you have a question for the teacher, raise your hand and the teacher will turn your microphone on so that you may ask your question or provide an answer.
- If you are late, you will have to wait until the teacher has finished introducing the work and then he/she will come back to you.
- Some lessons may be recorded as we learn more about google classrooms.