

Remote Education Provision: Information for parents

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?

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 PE where there is a need for open spaces and team participation. Students will follow their normal timetabled lessons.

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 students broadly 5 hours each day.

Accessing remote education:

How will my child access the online remote education we are providing?

All work, teaching and the curriculum resources, can be accessed via ClassCharts. Lessons are set either 'Live,' primarily using Microsoft Teams, or through a Loom video. Both of these methods will support the delivery of the curriculum.

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:

- If you do not have access to the internet at home your child is eligible to access our HUB provision. For information please contact Mrs Milford, Assistant Headteacher and Director of Learning Needs, kate.milford@sarumacademy.org
- A number of laptops have been made available from the Government for students in receipt of Free School Meals. If you need one please contact Mr Ramage, Pastoral Assistant, mark.ramage@sarumacademy.org
- We have also made a number of school laptops available for students not eligible for Free School Meals but without 'good' access to a computer. If your child does not have access to a computer or is having to share a computer at home please contact mark.ramage@sarumacademy.org.

- Students can access Microsoft Teams using their school network ID and password. Where there is a problem with this please email the school with your enquiry to password@sarumacademy.org

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- Recorded teaching via Loom providing instructions, explanations and tasks.
- Live teaching – online lessons primarily through Microsoft Teams
- Live tutor sessions through Microsoft Teams

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?

As empowerment is our overarching aim for young people we endeavour to provide a curriculum that enables students to both develop and practice independent work. As parents or carers we ask for your support in setting routines to support your child's education as you would if they were in school, for example in ensuring your child gets a good night sleep and is ready to learn.

If you are struggling with establishing routines or encouraging your child to engage please contact your child's tutor.

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

We can monitor engagement through ClassCharts and Loom, through the submission of assessed tasks and through participation in live lessons.

If your child is not engaging, or is not working to the required standards we will be in touch. We have a number of ways we do this.

- Through ClassCharts notifications if work for submission is overdue
- Through a text from the school to notify parents of work that is overdue
- Through contact from their class teacher or the Curriculum Leader via a phone call
- Through contact from our Students Services Team via a phone call
- The Tutor will be in touch via email or phone call
- Our Year Leaders will also contact you should the need arise

We ask you to contact your child's Tutor if you are not certain whether your child is fully engaging. They would be able to provide a level of reassurance.

We will also continue to reward students with House Points as we would in school where possible. You will receive notifications of these via ClassCharts.

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

In each subject, students are expected to submit an assessed piece of work. Staff will feedback, as we would in school, in accordance with our Marking and Feedback Policy. For written work your child will receive written feedback. For live lessons feedback will be provided verbally based on the work produced by your child. This is often where live teaching comes into its own.

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 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:

- Work should be differentiated to individual needs. You should expect work that both challenges and supports. If this is not the case, please contact your child's teacher directly.
- For SEND parents Mrs Milford, Assistant Headteacher, Director of Learning Needs, can be contacted if you are experiencing any difficulty or would like advice. – kate.milford@sarumacademy.org

Getting the balance right of challenge and support is one of the greatest challenges in teaching remotely. It is important that if your child is either regularly overwhelmed by work, or regularly completing work in less than 5 hours, you get in touch.

Remote education provision:

If my child is asked to self-isolate on the return of students at the end of lockdown.

In this instance, students can access the curriculum via the Remote Learning section on the school website. Students can follow the normal timetable and complete the work set on the website.