

MARSHFIELDS SCHOOL RECOVERY CURRICULUM AND REMOTE EDUCATION POSITION STATEMENT

RECOVERY CURRICULUM

Marshfields School was closed to all but key worker and vulnerable children from late March to September 2020. Following the wider reopening of schools a further 60 students accessed face-to-face learning. We are now focused on the recovery curriculum to ensure that our students' learning and well-being is not disadvantaged long-term.

Our recovery curriculum varies according to the stage of learners' needs.

Year 11 and Post 16

Ensuring evidence of outcomes is available for all accredited courses.
Preparing students for transition to college or Marshfields Post 16.

Year 10

Focus on ensuring accredited courses start without delay.

Year 5-7

Transition in.

Induction for students who have been out of education for some years.
Reading, phonics and numeracy.

Year 8-9

Focus on reading, literacy, numeracy.

Whole school

Focus on emotional well-being and PSHE using the new framework.
PASS assessments and actions.
Health focus through increased physical exercise.

REMOTE EDUCATION

In the event a student needing to self-isolate due to having Covid-19 symptoms themselves or members of your household having symptoms or because we have had to close a class or the whole school, please find details of our remote learning plan.

DFE guidance states that schools should 'Develop remote education so that it is integrated into school curriculum planning: Remote education may need to be an essential component in the delivery of the school curriculum for some students, alongside classroom teaching, or in the case of a local lockdown. All schools are therefore expected to plan to ensure any students educated at home for some of the time are given the support they need to master the curriculum and so make good progress.'

In the event of any form of isolation and loss of learning caused by Coronavirus, parents / carers should understand that engagement in remote home education is now compulsory, as is the expectation that our school makes this provision available and accessible. However, it is important to note that if your child(ren) are themselves too ill then they should not be expected to engage in

remote home education until they are feeling better. This information just needs to be communicated with the school office.

How will my child/children access home learning?

We will use SIMs Parent App Homework as the main resource for children and parents to access home learning. Guidance for Parents and Students can be found here:

<LINK>

Also, on the school website, there will be further guidance for parents and children. In the event of a full school closure, the children will have an online home learning pack with familiar resources. All these resources should help support learning at home.

What will Remote Education look like whilst my child is not at school?

Different areas of the curriculum will be planned for your child to access daily so that they do not miss out on the **objectives being taught in class** and therefore reducing the risk of missing key concepts and hindering their learning journey. Activities/tasks will be designed to be completed in your home and garden. These activities will now be directly linked to what your child would have been taught in school at that time and will make specific reference to new teaching content as well as consolidating previous learning too.

For the first 2 days of self-isolation, please complete the following:

- Any **English, Mathematics, Science homework**
- Read their **reading book** or any books you have at home and fill in the reading record on SIMs Parent App Homework. Use MyOn and MyMaths.

A letter will be sent to you on the first day of isolation confirming your child's username and passwords for all online school systems.

This will keep your child going educationally whilst the teachers start to upload further activities/guidance on SIMs Parent App Homework for the rest of your child's isolation period.

When will Remote Education activities be uploaded?

From Day 3, your child will find all their activities for the day on your SIMs Parent App Homework account. If you have any problems with this, please contact the school office and we will rectify the situation with your child's class teacher as soon as they are able to do so.

When does my child/ren complete the Remote Education activities?

Your child/ren will need to access and upload their completed activities onto SIMs Parent App Homework each day. If they want to start a task and come back to it later that day, activities can be saved as a draft.

Alternatively, children can work on paper and photograph it, to upload their learning for that day. There will be a mixture of online and offline activities planned as we understand that computer /

devices may need to be shared within the family. Children should only submit their work when they have finished all the tasks for the day.

How will my child's special educational needs be supported?

Work will be planned according to the child's needs. Where specific, individual support plans are in place work will be set according to this. A teacher or teaching assistant will provide further guidance. This may be a telephone call home or uploading further guidance via SIMs Parent App Homework.

How and when will my child/ren hear from their teacher and get feedback?

Your children will receive a response from a member of staff regularly in a variety of forms. This may be wellbeing and 'How are you doing with your activities?' check on SIMs Parent App Homework or by telephone. Staff will feedback on your child's learning regularly so that your child does not go off track if they have had a misconception. Feedback will come in many forms including written/typed comments, acknowledgment of learning, or staff audio-recorded feedback. Your child may receive additional challenges to think about in their further learning if they have found something easy or they may get another similar activity if they need the extra practice of the skill.

Children do not need to respond to their feedback that their teachers give however they may well need to act on the advice given in their future learning, just as they would do in school. If your child does not understand their task, they can contact the teacher via SIMs Parent App Homework to let them know and the teacher will respond when they are able to do so.

If the whole class are absent from school due to an outbreak or lockdown, teachers will be able to respond throughout the school day. However, if only one or two children in a class are absent at a time, I am sure you will understand that our teachers will only be able to give feedback at the end of the school day due to their class teaching commitments.

Teachers will not live-stream lessons from their homes, nor engage in any video calling. These sessions are not desirable for our children as the teacher-pupil interaction is not easily replicated.

What can I do to support my child's home learning?

We would recommend creating a dedicated area for your child to work on their remote education. We would encourage a set start and finish time that works for you and your family setting. The regular time to move, exercise, and have a break will be beneficial for your child's home learning experience. Having log in details for education platforms to hand will also make this process easier for your child.

Check-in on what your child(ren) have achieved on a regular basis throughout the day – only upload the activities when you are both happy that the task is completed fully.

If your child does not finish all the tasks set on the day, please encourage them to upload what they have achieved so we can ascertain their level of understanding/effort. If your child finishes the work set quickly, get your child to feed this back to the teacher so they know further challenge is needed in the future.

What if my child is struggling or not completing their Remote Education?

Your children's teachers will be setting learning appropriate to your child's ability, age, and stage in the year. They will be able to monitor if your child is engaging. Teachers will be providing materials that will support and extend your child's learning moving forward which should allow all children to partake in their Remote Learning and make genuine progress so they don't have lots to catch up on when they come back to school.

There may be different levels on activities, additional support videos, word mats, options to replay and much more to support your child's understanding. It is important to remember that struggle is a normal part of learning and children would face challenge in that learning point even when in school. However, if your child is struggling with Remote Education beyond what is expected, please contact me at school or via email in the event of a full lockdown. If your child struggles with Remote Education because of lack of IT equipment, then please contact us.

If a child does not engage with the remote education provided, the teacher will call the parents to discuss obstacles and give support. If this disengagement continues, the Senior Leadership Team will be notified, and they will contact the family to see if the problem can be solved.

Will my child still have to do their remote learning if they are feeling ill with Covid symptoms?

No - if your child does not feel well – let them recover and feel better before settling them down to remote education tasks. Just let the school office know by reporting the absence if this is the case.

Will my child use SIMs Parent App Homework Remote Learning for other illnesses?

No – remote education is just being planned and provided for the Covid self-isolation period. The same applies as above – if your child is unwell, they will not be fit to do work – they need rest and recovery time before heading back to school as normal.

Other things to know if my child(ren) is / are self-isolating

The school office will contact parents / carers to ensure a test has been taken and to make sure that parents know to communicate test results to judemacdonald@marshfields-sch.co.uk

If your child is entitled to **Free School Meals**, we will be providing them with a weekly food parcel.

As with all new routines, this will take us all time to get used to so we must be patient with one another and with practice we will all get better. We are here to help as we move through the difficult times.