



Walford Nursery & Primary School

Remote Education

Information for Parents and Carers

January 2021

This information outlines what children, parents and carers can expect from the Remote Education offer provided by Walford Nursery & Primary School during periods of school closure or self isolation, relating to Coronavirus (COVID-19). Parents and carers should also refer to the school's Remote Learning Policy (September 2021).

Remote Education Provision: Information for Parents / Carers

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

Remote Curriculum

A child's first day of being educated remotely might look different from our standard approach, whilst we take all necessary actions to prepare for a longer period of remote teaching.

What should my child expect from immediate Remote Education in the first day or two of children being sent home?

Walford Nursery & Primary School will endeavor to ensure that the Remote Education provision is up and running as quickly as possible. All children will have access to Showbie and teachers will use this platform to:

- send work home;
- communicate with parents, carers and children;
- provide regular feedback to children.

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?

At Walford Nursery & Primary School, the Remote Education provision will be accessible within hours, utilising Zoom for live lessons and Showbie. Walford will teach the same curriculum remotely and in school, wherever possible and appropriate. However, we may need to make adaptations in some subjects, for example, where specialist resources or equipment is required.

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Remote Teaching and Study Time Each Day

How long will it take my child to complete work daily?

The school expects that Remote Education (including remote teaching and independent work) will take children broadly the following number of hours each day:

Key Stage 1	EYFS: 2-3 hours KS1: 3 hours
Key Stage 2	4 hours

Accessing Remote Education

How will my child access any online Remote Education provided by Walford Nursery & Primary School?

All children will access online Remote Education using Zoom (for live lessons) and Showbie either via the app or website www.showbie.com.

If my child does not have digital or online access at home, how will the school support them to access remote education?

We recognise that some children may not have suitable online access at home. We will take the following approaches to support those children to access Remote Education:

- school iPads will be loaned to children who have no access to a device at home;
- printed materials and workbooks will be provided where this is preferred.

Parents and carers should contact the school to discuss any issues regarding online access at home.

How will my child be taught remotely?

The school will use a combination of the following approaches to teach children remotely:

- live teaching (online lessons) via Zoom;

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- Showbie to share activities, independent tasks, web links as well as communication and feedback;
- recorded teaching where appropriate (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, BBC, White Rose, etc.);
- printed materials produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets);
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences;
- long-term project work and/or internet research activities;

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?

The school is aware of the increasing demands of online learning, however, the government expectation is that all children should actively engage in daily Remote Education. Parents and carers should ensure that children join daily live lessons where they access the full curriculum entitlement, whilst having regular opportunities to stay connected as a class.

For further information, refer to the Remote Learning Policy (September 2021) and the Zoom Protocol (January 2021).

How will the school check whether my child is engaging with their work? How will I be informed if there are any concerns?

Teachers keep a daily record of the engagement of all children. Parents and carers will be contacted by telephone or email if there is any concern about their child's level of engagement. Prompt support and assistance will be given to ensure children can access the Remote Education provision.

Teachers will make fortnightly telephone calls to all families, ensuring that they have everything they need and to identify any further help that can be provided by the school.

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. Walford Nursery & Primary School's approach to providing meaningful feedback includes:

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- instant feedback during live lessons on Zoom daily, including self assessment;
- all work completed and uploaded to Showbie, set by class teachers, will receive feedback;
- regular telephone calls home to families and children.

Additional Support for Children with Particular Needs

How will the school work with me to help my child, who needs additional support from adults at home, to access remote education?

We recognise that some children, for example children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), may not be able to access Remote Education, without support from adults at home. The school acknowledges the difficulties this may place on families, and will, therefore, work with parents and carers to support those children in the following ways:

- inviting all children with SEND into school for the period of enforced school closures;
- providing an individualised timetable of Remote Education which meets their specific needs if accessing education at home.

Remote Education for Children Self-Isolating

If my child is not in school because they are self-isolating, how will their remote education differ from the approaches described above?

Children will be provided with the same provision outlined above, however, families should allow teachers the first day of the isolation period to put this in place.

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