

Remote education provision: information for parents

At Biddenham, we aim to provide a rich and varied remote curriculum offer to all of our students with minimal disruption to students' learning.

The information in this document 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. It is also to provide guidance for those working in self-isolation.

The remote curriculum: what is taught to students at home

We will provide our students with access to their full timetable, with some adaptations where appropriate, such as in practical lessons. Students will be able to access the work for their lessons through Google classrooms.

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

We will continue to teach broadly the same curriculum as students would have if they were attending classes in school, including access to tutor time, pastoral support and our Essential Life Skills programme. There may be areas of the curriculum which need to be adapted for remote learning, such as PE, Food and DT. Elements of other subjects, such as Art and Science for example, may be limited by remote learning.

Remote teaching and study time each day

How long can I expect my child to engage in remote learning each day?

We expect that remote education (including remote teaching and independent work) will take students around five hours per day at all key stages:

Key Stage 3	Students should follow their normal timetable for lessons via the link on the Google classroom and complete the work set during the lesson.
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	Students will also be expected to complete some assessed work in line with our school assessment calendar
Key stage 4	<p>Students should follow their normal timetable for lessons via the link on the Google classroom and complete the work set during the lesson.</p> <p>Students should be working towards assessments set by class teachers in line with our school assessment calendar</p>
Key Stage 5	<p>Students should follow their normal timetable for lessons via the link on the Google classroom and complete the work set during the lesson.</p> <p>Students are expected to complete homework and manage independent study</p>

Accessing remote education

How will my child access any online remote education you are providing?

All students have been provided with their own Chromebooks by the school and also have their exercise books to be used for their lessons. Each subject on your child's timetable has an online google classroom and access to lessons will be via the google meet link that can be found in the title bar at the top of the page. We aim to provide as many live lessons as possible for our students. We realise that students also need a varied approach to learning and so will use a range of methods and resources to help engage them in learning.

Here is a guide to help with [Accessing Google Services from home](#)

This variety will include but not be limited to the following:

- Google Suite for Education
- Google Classroom
- Trusted resources, such as BBC Education and Oak National Academy
- GCSE Pod

Here are a whole range of [Parent and Student Google tutorials](#) to support access to our online learning tools.

Here is a student presentation on [remote learning and e-safety](#).

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 pupils may not have suitable online access at home. We take the following approaches to support those pupils to access remote education:

- All students at Biddenham School have been issued with a chromebook. If there are any problems or issues with devices please email enquiries@biddenham.beds.sch.uk or call 01234 342521 stating your child's name, year group and technical issue. Arrangements will then be made for chromebooks to be fixed and collected.
- We can also support families without any internet access. Please use the same contact details above to let us know and arrangements will be made to provide 'mifi' connection
- For those unable to access online learning at all, we are providing printed materials. Please contact teachers directly if possible, and if not then use the contact details above, again stating your child's name and year group. Printed work can be returned to school, either by post or by arrangement with reception on the contact details above.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- Live teaching (online lessons)
- Recorded teaching (Biddenham teachers pre-recording lessons)
- Presentations and resources created by teachers and shared on the Google classroom
- Trusted resources, such as Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings from other sources made by teachers)
- Printed paper packs produced by teachers where appropriate for the subject/necessary (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- Textbooks and reading books students have at home
- 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?

Our [Google Meet code of conduct](#) for students makes clear our expectations for online lessons.

Expectations of students at Biddenham:

- Students should attend lessons and follow their normal school timetable
- Attendance at lessons will be logged
- Students are expected to be actively engaged in lessons and to follow our school system, supporting Ready, Respect, Reward

Support from Parents and Carers at home:

- Parents and Carers can support the school and their child by setting routines at home to support their child's education
- This can be done by following the normal school timetable

If you require a copy of your child's timetable please contact the school using the enquiries details at the bottom of this document.

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

Parents and Carers should inform school about students who are unable to access lessons due to technical or medical issues.

Where there are concerns about a student's attendance to remote learning the school will:

- Monitor attendance through registers
- Teachers will follow up concerns regarding attendance with students via email
- Where there is limited or no response, Heads of Year will make contact with parents and carers.

Parents and carers should continue to inform the school about any positive coronavirus cases.

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

Feedback during and after lessons can take many forms. This 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.

Our approach to feeding back on student work is as follows:

- Students will be provided with continuous verbal feedback during live lessons.
- They will be encouraged to share written work which will be monitored and supported by teaching staff.
- Whole class feedback will be given each lesson.
- Students should submit work for marking via the Google classrooms. Teachers will regularly mark submitted work and provide appropriate and timely feedback.

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 some students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), or with English as an Additional Language (EAL) needs may not be able to access remote education without support from adults either at home, remotely or in school. 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:

- We will continue to allocate Teaching Assistants as we would do in school, to support learning. They will be present in online lessons and will also make contact by phone, where necessary.
- Some of our Teaching Assistants are working with SEND students in school and providing them with consistent support.
- Families with SEND students may send their children into school to access this provision.
- Teaching material uploaded on to Google classroom will be differentiated for the needs of the students

Remote education for self-isolating pupils

Students who need to self-isolate should continue to follow their normal timetables from home as normal. The teacher will post work on to the Google classroom and connect the student to the learning via the link on the Google classroom. There may be times when this might be challenging due to certain circumstances and if this is the case, students should complete the work independently and submit any finished work to the classroom for feedback.

Additional information:

For all enquiries please email enquiries@biddenham.beds.sch.uk or call 01234 342521, stating your child's name and year group and specific query. We will aim to address enquiries as swiftly as possible.