Remote education provision: information for parents at Forest Gate Community School

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. For details of what to expect where individual pupils are self-isolating, please see the final section of this page.

What should my child expect from remote education?

- Your child should be following their normal timetable. Their teacher will be online to welcome them at the normal start time of the lesson.

- Your child will be able to access all of their lesson resources via their DPR assignment portal (previously used to access homework). This means no homework will be set during remote education.

- The Google Meet link to the live lesson will be posted via their DPR class chat at the beginning of the lesson.

- The teacher will begin with a presentation on Google Meet and then your child will be directed to complete independent work. They must keep the Google Meet open as the class will come back together for the final 10 minutes of the lesson to submit their work.

- Your child will submit their work on the DPR assignment portal.

- [Click here](#) to see the updated guide on how your child can access lessons from home

- If your child does not have internet access or a computer, we encourage you to get in contact with us via info@forestgatecst.org and we will do our best to support

- If your child is not engaging online, a member of staff will call you. It is now up to parents to ensure that they are logging on. We really appreciate your support.

- We expect the highest standards of work and conduct online. If your child is misbehaving, we will notify you.

What is taught during remote education?

- Teachers will continue to teach students according to the same curriculum and the key objectives that parents can access via the DPR.

- Some adaptations may take place for certain subjects. For example, practical lessons will be limited in some subjects. We are carefully planning how any gaps in learning will be addressed.

How long should the work set take to complete by my child each day?

- Your child should be following their normal timetable. The school day starts at 8:30am and finishes at 3:30pm, except for Fridays when we finish at 12:10pm.

- Lessons will follow a similar structure of 15-20 minutes teacher presentation and online student engagement followed by 15-20 minutes independent work. Each lesson will always end with students submitting their work before the teacher gives them permission to log off.

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

- Students will use their RM Unify log in to access the Google Drive and DPR

- Students can access the Google Meet link to their live lesson on the DPR class chat

- Students can access the resources and also submit their work on the DPR assignment portal

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

- You should inform us in the first instance via info@forestgatecst.org

- We will do our best to loan you a laptop or internet dongle

- We will provide printed lesson resources for your child until they have digital access to lessons

How will my child be taught remotely?

- Students will be taught via live lessons using Google Meet and DPR

- All lessons will be recorded and posted on the DPR assignment portal for any students that are unable to access the lessons live

- Printed resources will be provided for any students who do not have digital access for online learning

What are your expectations for my child's engagement and the support that we as parents and carers should provide at home?

- We expect 100% attendance and 100% work submissions for all of our students

- If your child is unwell or unable to attend online lessons then should should inform the school via the usual absence line

- We encourage parents to support their child and have produced this document to show you how you can best support

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

- You can log into your child's DPR and check the assignment portal. Students will receive a grade for all work that they submit

- You can also use the DPR to contact subject teachers directly with any questions you may have about your child's work

- You will receive a phone call if your child is absent from online lessons or doesn't submit their work

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 pupils, for example some pupils 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 pupils

- Students considered vulnerable or children of critical workers will be contacted and their child will be invited to come into school where they will receive support with their learning

- Our Teaching Assistants (TAs) will continue to work with those students who have support

- We ensure lesson resources are differentiated and appropriate for students with needs

- We have set up small online groups to support students with the highest needs

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

- Students who are self-isolating will continue to access their online lessons via the DPR

- If your child is unwell and unable to participate in online learning then you should contact the student absent line to inform the school

- If your child or your household members are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms they must not come into school. Attending school will put staff and students at unnecessary risk. Here is a reminder of the main Coronavirus symptoms:
    - a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
    - a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
    - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste (anosmia) – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

How do I help my child to remain on top of their studies during school closure?

- The school's priority is to continue to provide quality education to your child, in spite of a national crisis and we will be working around the clock to ensure this.
- You may be anxious about the impact this will have on your child's learning but know that you are not alone in this feeling. Parents across the country will be feeling the same way and your child's teachers are anxious to ensure they support your child's learning as best as they can.
- Despite this unique set of circumstances, we are one of the better-prepared schools.
- Whilst other schools might be setting ad hoc work for students to be getting on with during this time, the work that we are setting directly follows our well-planned curriculum.
- Our DPR ensures students can continue their planned learning at home. It is important to note, therefore, that the extent your child engages with the DPR will dictate the progress your child makes in this time. Your support will be very important in making this happen.
- This FAQ document will take you through key things for you to be aware of during the event of school closure.
- Thank you in advance for continuing to support the school and your child in their learning.

How do I know whether my child is learning and what they are meant to be learning?

- Check your child's DPR with them every day.
- Ask them which key objective they are focusing on for a particular subject.
- Make sure they are working on one key objective at a time.

How do I know whether my child is on track for their different subjects?

- Teachers will be providing feedback on the work your child submits on the DPR. Ask your child to show you this.
- Check the judgements on your child's key objectives for their different subjects.

How can I get in touch with the subject teachers?

- You can access your subject teachers' email addresses via your child's DPR subject page.

What do I do if my child doesn't understand something?

- Your child can ask questions of their teachers via the DPR collaboration portal.
- Here's a reminder on how to use the collaboration portal on DPR: https://axle-education.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360035157673-Collaborating.

- Your child can also ask questions via the class chat feature which appears on their subject home page.

What if my child says they have done all their work?

- This is unlikely. Please check your child has completed the lesson or learning task that has been set. They should have uploaded evidence of this work onto the DPR. You can ask them to show you this.
- Home learning is a great opportunity for building independence. The DPR independent resources portal is the best tool for this.
- Your child can access a range of learning resources linked to the key objectives that will help them to secure their understanding.
- You could prompt your child to complete a learning resource for a key objective that you can see is still in the 'Developing' or 'Consolidating' stage.
- An easy guide on how to access independent resources can be found here: https://axle-education.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360005392698-Resources

Will my child still get homework?

- No.
- All lessons and work set will be uploaded onto the DPR Assignment portal instead.
- Your child's teachers will be assessing the quality of the work your child submits. This is something you should check to ensure that your child is completing their work in a meaningful way.
- An easy guide on how your child can access their lessons can be found here.

My child has a private tutor. How do I know if what they are teaching is any good?

- You can share the key objectives from your child's DPR and ask them to focus their teaching on the objectives that have not yet been secured.
- Your child can use the work done with their private tutor as evidence they can upload onto the DPR for their teachers to use to assess.

How do I get a quick overview of how my child is doing across all of their subjects?

- Log into your child's DPR and click on the 'analytics' card to get a snapshot of progress made across all of their subjects.

- An easy guide on how to do this can be found here: https://axle-education.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360035157653-My-subjects-and-key-objectives
- The points system on this page will give you an idea of the amount of progress your child has been making at any given point.
- Here is a simple breakdown explaining the points system: https://axle-education.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360034639854-Student-analytics

How does my child access RM UNIFY if they have forgotten their log in details?

- The username is their school email address and students have their own password.
- If they have forgotten their password, they should contact their Head of Learning.

How do I report anything relating to safeguarding?

- Please refer to the 'Staying safe whilst learning from home' section in the instructions for students guide, which can be accessed by following the link below.

Useful links:

Instructions for students:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L67t9f0VJzWHZ2G65U4nmdRJVx7z5bFbMvlJBv2rpoA/edit