

# Remote Education at Westbourne Primary School

## Information for Parents

### *What should my child expect from immediate remote education in the first day or two of pupils being sent home?*

Our home learning is set up on Weduc, our school app, with links to activities on Purple Mash. Tasks here must be completed and emailed in to their teacher for checking. Home learning packs are available for those without access to devices or Internet at home.

### *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?*

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.

## Expectations of Parents

### *What does school expect me to do?*

In order for us to maximise your child learning, it is vital that your child is prepared to learn as they would in school. We appreciate you are all busy people; however, we do expect you to keep disciplined routines for your children. Accessing remote work online from 9am, a healthy sleep pattern and the children fed and suitably dressed before learning, particularly for Zoom assemblies with their classes. Children do best when they have a set routine and behaviours as they would have if they were at school.

Full instructions will be provided for the children to access the learning. If you can assist them if they get stuck then this would be helpful but we appreciate you are busy people and have other responsibilities too. Any support you can give will always make a difference. Please ensure your child has logged on and can access the learning as a minimum.

It is an expectation that your child takes part in online education in this way. We will follow up those who do not engage with phone calls and where necessary home visits to ensure children can access home education.

## **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 pupils broadly between 3-4 hours per day. Three hours for KS1 and four hours for KS2. We do not set screen teaching for 3 hours as this is not healthy, it will be a balanced amount of remote teaching and independent work. Your teachers will indicate the length of time activities are supposed to take but your child may wish to spend longer, if they do please let them.

## **Accessing remote education**

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

We are providing the vast majority of our work through Purple Mash. On this application we are able to monitor who logs in and what activities they complete. Parents can use the parent codes issued with your child's login details to also monitor your child's submissions and have the ability to email teachers directly where teachers will respond within school hours. Similarly, you can email teachers through WEDUC (our communication app) to seek support and upload any other activities your child completes to celebrate their successes.

Clear direction will be given daily by our teachers. Some home learning may also be set on some third-party online learning platforms like Times Table Rockstar's, Spelling Shed and others. Student usernames and passwords have been sent through to each parent.

For year 6 parents there is a separate webpage for your child to access home learning specific to their 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 pupils may not have suitable online access at home. We have spoken with all families and are in regular contact to ensure that everyone has access to online learning but in exceptional circumstances, paper packs can be made available for collection on a Monday, work can then be delivered to the school on a Monday when the new pack is collected.

We are also currently enquiring with families to determine if any would benefit from the Government scheme to provide broadband or additional data bundles to some households to assist with virtual home learning.

## ***How will my child be taught remotely?***

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

- recorded teaching (video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences
- printable paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets – but only in exceptional circumstances)
- recorded teaching (online lessons) – we will give plenty of notice for any ‘live’ activities that we do.
- Weekly assemblies via zoom for classes with celebration assemblies with our head of school, Mr Cusdin.

## **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?***

- It is expected that pupils complete a minimum of three hours daily home learning in KS 1- and four-hours daily home learning in KS2.
- Our child should complete daily maths, writing and reading skills/phonics work.
- Your child should complete spelling, reading and mental maths homework daily.
- Your child must submit their home learning in daily via Weduc or weekly if advised by your teacher.

### ***What does school expect me to do?***

We certainly don’t expect you to become the teacher, we appreciate you are all busy people; however, we do expect you to keep disciplined routines for your children as previously advised above.

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

Work will be assessed as it comes in and feedback aimed to be given as soon as possible.

Our teachers will be in contact with you as a parent regularly with work provided, if they feel there are any concerns with your child’s learning they will send feedback of work completed or ask to speak to you directly to see how we can help.

Teachers will be available on Weduc or the class email for parents to contact at any time, teachers will reply as soon as they can.

Mr Mir and Mrs Zaman, our parental support team will be keeping in regular contact with our families throughout any sustained absence to ensure we are aware of any issues that may arise.

Further advice is also available through the school office.

([Office@westbourne.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:Office@westbourne.bradford.sch.uk))

## **Support for pupils 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 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 in the following ways:

- Families of children at Westbourne with a particular need will have contact with the SENCO via Weduc, email or telephone calls to discuss any issues around remote learning and advice and support will be provided.
- Class teacher will be made aware of children who are struggling to access remote learning without the support of an adult and they will plan appropriately considering this information.
- If required further support and guidance around delivering home learning, more detailed instruction can be provided, from the class teacher or the SENCO.
- Paper packs are available for some children if required, which is the same learning as on Weduc.
- Work provided will be at appropriate levels and will take in to account the individual child's needs. For example; if a child requires a different font or specific coloured background to slides this will be actioned by the class teachers.
- Remote learning and paper versions, for children with SEND will include work on their Learning Plan targets.