

Dear Scientia Families

Following the announcement that primary schools will now be moving to Remote Learning for most pupils, please see below our plans for remote learning for children during this period of school closure.

So that we minimise the impact of COVID-19 on your child's education, we will be delivering a full timetable of remote learning. Our Remote Learning Strategy gives full details of our whole provision. This can be accessed on the school website, www.scientiaacademy.co.uk

Our remote learning plan:

Our remote learning plan has been made with our pupils and their families in mind. We believe that this strategy will work best for the children at our school.

- All children will be expected to be learning for a minimum of 3 hours per day for Key Stage 1 and 4 hours per day for Key Stage 2, **this a legal requirement from the Department for Education.**
- Lessons will be a blend of live and recorded sessions which will be accessed through Microsoft Teams.
- Teachers will provide any resources through Showbie which can be accessed at home, if printed packs are needed please contact the school office to arrange this; office@scientia-academy.org.uk
- Children will see a teacher from their year group every day for the live sessions, there will also be contact by phone where appropriate.
- Feedback to the children will be either during the live lessons or in response to written work uploaded on Showbie. This will be daily.

We understand that each family's circumstances and their access to learning materials differs, and the responsibility to provide educational support at home can be difficult for families – especially with siblings accessing devices. Therefore, we have adopted a blended approach so that some of the learning can be accessed at any time, for example, phonics videos and Oak National Academy lessons.

It is, however, important that your children remain engaged in education, even when they are not attending school. If you have not done so already, please contact us if you need support accessing online learning.

Using Microsoft Teams

As a school, we provide online learning through Microsoft Teams as our Digital Learning Platform.

We have provided separate guidance about how to use and access Teams

What you will need at home

A device that can access Teams, this can be a mobile phone, tablet, laptop or PC as well as PlayStation and X-Box.

You will need a pen or pencil, lined or plain paper/exercise books.

If your child does not have any of the above, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can help support you.

What we expect from your child

It is important that your child engages with home learning and keeps to their timetable, which will be shared by your class teacher and will be available on the website. Class teachers will be in touch if you are not engaging, followed up by a call by Miss Bye and Mrs Hands.

Please can children come to Teams calls as they would to school; dressed appropriately, ready to listen and learn.

If possible, children should be in a quiet space with limited distractions, with an adult nearby.

What you can do to help

We appreciate that this may present some challenges for you. We kindly ask for your support so that we can continue to provide high-quality education for your child during this time.

Younger children may need support in accessing online materials and staying focused with their remote learning. We ask that you help them as much as you can.

At the same time, we do not expect you to watch your child all day, and we wouldn't expect parents/carers to get involved in remote lessons in place of our teachers. But it would be really helpful if you can take an active role in your child's learning by asking them about their day and what they've learned.

Our top tips:

- Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day, and to keep to their timetable
- Distinguish between weekdays and weekends, and make it clear when the school day is over, to separate home and school life
- Plan breaks and exercise into the day to help keep your child active

Please keep in touch with us and do let us know if you are having any difficulties with remote learning, or if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Bye

Headteacher