

Holsworthy Cluster Primary Schools Remote Learning Policy January 2021



Aims of this policy

To outline our approach for pupils who will not be attending school, as a result of government guidance during the Coronavirus pandemic.

To outline our expectations for staff that will not be attending school due to self-isolation or shielding but that are otherwise fit and healthy and able to continue supporting with the teaching, assessing and planning for pupils.

Who is the plan applicable to?

In line with government guidance, pupils who are not deemed 'vulnerable' or the children of Critical Workers will be required to stay at home and continue their learning; pupils, staff and families should self-isolate if they display any of the following symptoms:

- A continuous, dry cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change to their sense of smell or taste
- Have had a test which has returned a positive result for Covid-19 or been informed by NHS test and trace that they need to self isolate.

This plan outlines expectations for a class/school bubble, as well as individuals who are self-isolating. Pupils who are isolating due to health issues (based on government advice) will be supported on a case by case basis.

Remote learning for pupils

We will provide links to appropriate remote learning for pupils who are not able to attend school so that no-one need fall behind. In the following points, an outline of the provision will be made and some guidance given on the role of pupils, teachers and parents.

The Holsworthy Area Cluster Primary Schools have used research from the Educational Endowment Foundation as a basis for our approach to remote learning.

When implementing strategies to support pupils' remote learning, or supporting parents to do this, key things to consider include:

- Teaching quality is more important than how lessons are delivered
- Ensuring access to technology is key, especially for disadvantaged pupils
- Peer interactions can provide motivation and improve learning outcomes
- Supporting pupils to work independently can improve learning outcomes
- Different approaches to remote learning suit different types of content and pupils

Curriculum

The Holsworthy Area Cluster Primary Schools know that there has been much disruption to children's education, therefore, is committed to ensuring that all children continue to receive a

quality education should the need for remote learning arise.

Our approach includes a blend of paper resources, online learning including some virtual face-to-face sessions through Teams/Google Meet and resources available through online learning platforms such as:

- BBC Bitesize
- Oak National Academy
- White Rose Maths
- Ruth Miskin/ YouTube for Read, Write, Inc. Phonics
- Times Tables Rockstars

The remote learning set for children will be in line with the learning that would take place in the classroom, so the teachers will provide resources that deliver the main aspects of the curriculum plan.

The remote learning set by the teachers will follow the long-term curriculum plan for their class so that children can continue to access the relevant curriculum for their year group.

Teachers will provide adapted learning resources for children with additional learning needs, i.e. SEND or where English is an additional language.

The governors and senior leadership team of The Holsworthy Area Cluster Primary Schools are fully aware that these are exceptional times and each family is unique, and because of this we will approach remote learning in ways which suit their individual needs. It is important that children engage with the remote education provided so that they don't fall behind with their learning, but we realise that the circumstances that cause our schools to close will affect families in a number of ways. Communication is essential and we would ask that if there are circumstances that mean a child cannot engage at least partially with the remote education that their parent speaks to the teacher. We can then work together to find a means of providing remote education that works for that family's circumstances. In our planning and expectations, we are aware of the need for flexibility from all sides:

- parents may be trying to work from home so access to technology as a family may be limited;
- parents may have two or more children trying to access technology and need to prioritise the needs of young people studying towards GCSE/A Level accreditation.

Teachers will provide daily learning with a variety of activities to be completed. The expectation of lessons will be:

- Daily maths lesson
- Daily English lesson (Key Stage 2)
- Daily phonics lesson (Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1)
- Each day there will be a lesson for one of the foundation subjects (science, history, geography, music, computing art, PE etc.)
- Each week, the usual timetable of curriculum subjects will be covered

Teacher Expectations

Teachers will plan lessons that link directly to the curriculum focus for that year group and

will provide resources to support tasks for home learners.

The information will contain:

- website links needed to access home learning resources along with clear information about the learning. This will include reference to daily tasks for relevant subjects
 - Links to daily English and/or phonics lessons
 - Links to daily maths lessons – these will predominately be linked to the White Rose Maths curriculum however teachers may provide further resources and guidance.
 - Worksheets to accompany lessons will be available to download or for parents to collect from the school in a socially distanced way.
- ✓ Staff will add these resources to the school website and it will be the responsibility of families to print/use these resources at home (or contact the school to ask for a 'paper copy')
 - ✓ Teachers will communicate with pupils via Class Dojo, providing support and feedback to work submitted.
 - ✓ Teachers will respond as quickly as is practically possible, during the school day, to requests for support from families at home.

Family (pupil/parent/carers):

Where possible, it is beneficial for young people to maintain a regular and familiar routine. The Holsworthy Area Cluster Primary Schools recommend that each 'school day' maintains structure. A suggested timetable will be made available to children/families as a guide. Should anything be unclear in the work that is set, parents can communicate with class teachers via the Class Dojo.

We encourage parents to support their children's work, by viewing the work set together, and then making appropriate plans to complete the work. This can include finding an appropriate place to work and, to the best of their ability, supporting pupils with work encouraging them to work with good levels of concentration.

Every effort will be made by staff to ensure that work is set promptly. Should accessing work be an issue, parents should contact school straight away and alternative solutions will be made available (e.g. paper copies of work, loan of devices where possible/appropriate etc) These will be discussed on case-to-case basis.

Expectations of Children

Children who are learning at home are expected to:

- ✓ engage fully with the work set each day, including participating in remote meetings set up by the teacher for the class/year group.
- ✓ participate sensibly during online class sessions and assemblies, following the usual expectations of behaviour as they would in school.
- ✓ complete and submit work in a timely fashion for feedback from the teacher.
- ✓ respond and act upon feedback provided by the teacher.
- ✓ endeavour to maintain a good learning routine, with the support of their parents/carers.

Remote teaching for staff who are self-isolating

Teaching staff are required to self-isolate if they have been in contact with a positive case, show symptoms outlined at the start of this policy or they have been told to shield and/or

have received a letter to confirm this. If a member of staff is required to self-isolate, they are expected to:

- Follow normal reporting procedure for planned absence.
- It is expected that staff get tested. Should a staff member be tested, it is expected, as per national guidance, to share the result of this test with school so that appropriate plans can be made.
- Whilst self-isolating, and if able to do so, non-teaching staff will be given an individual project to work on which is line with whole school improvement priorities or online training or asked to support with the online learning provision for their class. These projects will be communicated by their line manager.
- If unwell themselves, teachers will be covered by another staff/supply member for the sharing of activities.

We are committed to ensuring that all children, whether learning in school or at home, continue to receive the best possible education in these challenging circumstances. We continue to strive to support our children, parents and staff to achieve this aim.