



Castleway Primary School & Castleway Nursery School Remote Learning Offer

Please find information here about our Remote Learning Policy and offer at Castleway.

When remote learning offer is required:

- Occasions when Headteacher decide it is not possible to safely open the school, or that opening would contradict guidance from local or central government
- Occasions when individual pupils, for a limited duration, are unable to physically attend their school but are able to continue learning, for example pupils with an infectious illness

In these circumstances we will ensure pupils will have access to remote education as soon as reasonably practicable, though in proportion to the length of absence and disruption to their learning.

Aims of remote learning:

- Pupils have access to a planned and well-sequenced curriculum so that knowledge and skills are built incrementally, with a good level of clarity about what is intended to be taught and practised in each subject
- Pupils have access to high-quality online and offline resources and teaching videos and that are linked to the school's curriculum
- Pupils have access to online tools that allow interaction, assessment and feedback,

Aims of remote teaching:

- Teachers set assignments so that pupils have meaningful and ambitious work each day in the full range of subjects in their normal curriculum
- Teachers provide frequent, clear explanations of new content, delivered by a teacher through live lessons or pre-recorded content
- Teachers adapt teaching in response to questions or assessments

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

- A pupil's first day of being educated remotely might look different from our standard approach, while we take all necessary actions to prepare for a longer period of remote teaching. We will aim to move to full remote teaching as quickly as possible. Whilst we do this, pupils may be set independent work.

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, there will be adaptations in some practical subjects.

How long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?

- At least 3 hours a day on average across the cohort for key stage 1, with less for younger children
- At least 4 hours a day for key stage 2

How will my child be taught remotely?

- We use a combination of approaches to teach pupils remotely, here are some examples of remote teaching approaches:
- Live teaching (online lessons)
- Recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- Printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- Textbooks and reading books pupils have at home
- Commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences

What are your expectations for my child's engagement?

We expect:

- Pupils engage in learning across the full range of subjects for the timetabled time, including any intervention / therapy sessions set, each day and as a minimum work for the times stated above.
- Pupils submit 'turn in' work through 'Google Classroom' daily
- Pupils follow the school's behaviour policy

For live lessons:

- Pupils keep their camera on (unless they are not allowed to have their image shared publicly)
- Pupils keep their microphone off unless speaking
- Pupils are in a public area of the home
- Pupils should be appropriately dressed

How can we as parents and carers support our children at home?

- Ensure children are punctual in the morning and attend all sessions
- Ensure children are engaged throughout the day
- Ensure that work is submitted each day
- Ensure that children are in a public area of the home
- Contact the class teacher or the schooloffice@somerville.wirral.sch.uk if you have any concerns or queries.

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

- Schools will provide feedback to parents by phone or email daily where there are concerns regarding engagement
- Schools will contact parents immediately where there is a safeguarding concern

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

- Feedback can take many forms and 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 pupil work is as follows:
- Teachers will provide whole-class feedback at least weekly, though Google Classroom
- Teachers provide individual feedback where there are specific points to be made at least weekly, though Google Classroom
- Automated feedback from digital platforms will be provided for each assignment

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 the youngest in reception and year one and those 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:
- Where possible, school staff will be deployed to work with families to deliver a broad and ambitious curriculum for pupils with SEND where they may not be able to access remote education without adult support.
- Pupils who receive specialist therapies continue with this support through remote therapy or using online therapy sessions.

How is my child kept safe online?

- All live lessons will be recorded by the teacher
- Pupils that are not allowed to have their picture shared publicly can keep their camera turned off
- Pupils should speak with a trusted adult if they come across content online that makes them uncomfortable.

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

We recognise that not everyone will have access to a suitable device at home. To support remote learning in the event of children not being in school we have iPads and chromebooks which we are able to loan out to children whilst they are at home. Please contact the school office on schooloffice@castleway.wirral.sch.uk if you do not have access to a device at home. In addition to this we can provide printed resources, such as textbooks and workbooks.