

## **FAQs Remote Learning (RL)**

### **What is Remote Learning (RL)?**

RL is when school provides videos and activities to help you educate your child at home when school isn't open for them because their bubble is closed or there is lockdown.

### **How do I get it?**

It is accessed via the internet through Class Dojo, and this time, live sessions will also take place through Microsoft Teams. These programs are both accessed via a web browser eg google, internet explorer. You will receive your child's login details and how to access Microsoft Teams over the next few weeks. You will need a different login for each of your children. If you have any problems with this please let us know.

### **What if I don't have the internet?**

If you don't have access to the internet you need to let us know, then we will provide work in a different way.

### **What if I have the internet but I don't have a suitable device for my child to use?**

In the case of lockdown the Government will provide school with a very small number of tablets that we can loan out to families – you will need to talk to us and then we can decide how to allocate them. We do understand that families may have to share a device and that this can sometimes be tricky.

### **What will RL be like?**

The Class Teacher will post videos and work on Class Dojo and Microsoft Teams every day. There will be a task for English, one for Maths and then other additional curriculum areas. The additional curriculum areas may involve doing Times Tables Rockstars, accessing Music via Charanga, doing PE via an online session, such as Joe Wicks or accessing work via the National Oak Academy.

The videos and work are available to you at any time, so that learning can fit in with a busy home life.

### **Will I need to print work?**

No not necessarily, your child can just do their work on a piece of paper and you could send a photo of this via Class Dojo. They could copy out questions if you want to. You could do the answers on a computer/device and take a photo or a screenshot and post that, or you could upload a saved file.

### **Will I be able to talk to the teacher if I am having difficulties?**

Yes, through Microsoft Teams, you or your child (depending on their age) will be able to attend a live session with the teacher once a day, this is to help you with any issues arising from the learning videos/activities. You will be able to see the teacher and talk with her - just like facetime. Sometimes the teacher may invite your child to attend a 'keeping in touch' session too.

The live sessions will be in groups of around 8 families and will last about 15 minutes. They will be at a set time and you will get an invite to attend. We will try and keep these to the same time every day with different times for the different classes. We appreciate this could be tricky if you have more than one child.

### **Am I expected to get my child to do the RL every day?**

Yes. The Government intend that even though your child cannot attend school, learning will continue and progress made every day.

### **What if I can't do the work that day?**

If you/your child is unwell and unable to work, just send us a message on Class Dojo and let us know. If occasionally you cannot access the learning we will understand. However, if you do not post back work regularly or keep in touch with us, we will contact you to find out what we can do to support you. We want your child to make progress even during lockdown.

### **When will the teacher be available?**

The teacher is available during their usual working hours, so for some teachers this is just part-time hours.

During these hours the teachers will be recording videos, sorting out the independent learning activities, responding to your messages on Class Dojo, looking at the children's posts and holding the live sessions. They will be very busy!

Teachers may not always be able to comment on every single post you place, this does not mean they haven't seen it – remember there are about 25 children in every class so there is a lot to do!

(Additionally, teachers also have families making demands on them too and this can be tricky to manage, so please be understanding.)

### **Do I have to attend the live sessions?**

No, if you aren't having any problems and if you are regularly posting the work back to the teacher we will know that everything is going well at home. So you won't necessarily need to attend the live session – let us know if everything is fine.

### **If it is only my family isolating will I receive RL?**

Not in the same way. The teacher will do their best to post some of the work that is taking place in school on Class Dojo for you to do at home. There will not be the opportunity for a live session as the teacher will be teaching the Class in school.

### **What other resources will I need?**

If we are given notice of a lockdown our aim is to send each child home with a small pack of resources to support you at home. This will include things like digit cards, tables squares, English support mats, phonic sounds, a small amount of plain and lined paper. Plus you will have lots of things already at home – eg items for counting, pasta, buttons, beads, lego etc – the teacher will give you lots of ideas to help any activities they post. We will point you in the direction of websites to help too. We will be preparing these resources on the Teacher Education Day in October, let's all hope we won't need them and school remains open!