

COVID-19 : remote learning overview

RE: Pupils' attendance and the completion of tasks whilst learning remotely

Dear parent,

The school understands that each family's circumstances and their access to learning material for their children differs, and the responsibility to provide educational support at home can be difficult for families. It is, however, important that pupils remain engaged in education, even when they are not attending the school site. Where the school is providing online teaching to pupils who need to learn at home, we encourage pupils to attend these sessions to ensure they are not missing out on vital education.

The school has arranged for pupils to access learning material remotely via an online learning portals, and for 'Marvellous Me's' and emails to be sent to you or your child, detailing when tasks are to be completed by. To ensure pupils continue to receive a high-quality education outside of school, the school monitors pupils' attendance and their engagement with remote learning.

These remote learning arrangements are in place to ensure that all pupils have access to education. We are, therefore, concerned that pupils who do not attend remote learning sessions or complete tasks adequately will fall behind their peers and struggle with lesson content when they return to school.

We advise all parents to make every effort to ensure that their child has access to and completes any learning material provided. Should your child be unable to access any learning material, please contact your child's teacher via email as soon as possible. If your child is unwell and is unable to attend remote learning sessions, please treat this as a regular illness and inform the school office on telephone number by no later than 8:45am, or as soon as possible should your child become unwell during the school day.

We have outlined our expectations overleaf and would like to draw your attention to the points listed.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. If, for any reason, you or your child experience difficulties with any remote learning arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the School to discuss.

Yours sincerely

Greenholm Primary.

PUPILS

Whilst you are learning from home, we expect you to:

- Spend at least 3 hours per day learning
- Complete at least three tasks in a day
- Be respectful to other pupils when online
- Tell your parents if you need help with a task
- Send in any work you have completed when asked to

It is also important that you:

- Take regular breaks from schoolwork (e.g. every other hour, take at least a five-minute break).
- Keep a school routine – you could start and finish at a certain time every day.
- Do not complete attend video meetings alone in your bedroom.
- Make it as much like a school day as possible – you could take your lunch and breaktime at the same times as you would at school.
- Be appropriately dressed for a day of learning
- Try to avoid background distractions, e.g. the TV – this will make you more productive!
- Ask your parents to contact us on your behalf via email if you are struggling with your schoolwork.

PARENTS

To help us to continue teaching your children in a positive way, please;

- Support and reflect the school's ethos and values whilst they are learning away from School
- Set a good example to pupils through behaviour and the way they interact with staff, pupils and other adults
- Remember that staff have times they will be dealing with other issues or possibly with their families out-of-hours
- Continue to monitor your child's online activities and behaviour following their increase in online time. Set expectations and rules for what is appropriate for your child to access online; familiarise yourself with different age ratings and read guidance for parents on different online platforms
- Inform the School when your child is ill by calling the School Office on 0121 464 6321 as you normally would