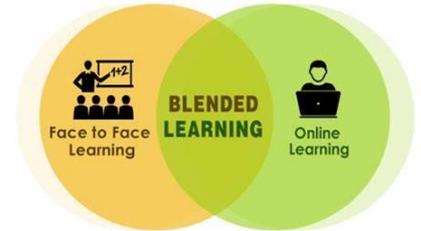


Dear Parents / Carers,

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Remote learning update

On the 9th November I wrote to you to provide information about our remote education package, in the event of bubble closure or pupil isolation.



We now find ourselves in different circumstances following the Government announcement of a National Lockdown from Tuesday 5th January, closing primary schools to all pupils other than children of critical workers or children identified as vulnerable.

[Restricting attendance during the national lockdown: schools \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

This letter details our learning package for all children, whether they are attending school or accessing learning remotely.

As a school, we have considered the feedback we received from the first lockdown in March 2020; we have listened to leaders, teachers and parents to create an educational package that supports all of the Brooke children, regardless of their age, ability and circumstances. Our plans aim to reduce the impact of the National Lockdown on all children's educational progress.

We have taken into consideration the aspirations and expectations of the Government and the practicalities of maintaining an operational school, alongside remote learning.

We have reviewed our risk assessment to ensure safety is of paramount importance for children and staff.

We have utilised some of the Governments 'Covid Catch-up Fund' to purchase resources that will help your children master skills whether they are in school or learning at home.

[Catch-up-Funding-Plan-.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)

The information that follows is a detailed account of our plans so that you are fully informed.

Children not attending school

- We will provide a mixture of live lessons (through Zoom) and remote learning.
- Learning will be provided on a 2 week cycle, with week 3 offering a consolidation week to enable teachers to mark the work that has been returned and plan the new cycle of learning for the following 2 weeks.
- A learning pack, which will include a paper version of the timetable, should be collected by parents at the beginning of the cycle (2 week cycle followed by 1 week consolidation)
- The timetable can also be accessed on our website at curriculum / home learning
- The format of the timetable will be different for our younger children, however it will mirror closely the timetable provided to the children attending school.
- Timetables will reflect our normal curriculum plans, to reduce the disadvantage to children who are accessing learning from home.
- There is an expectation that children join the Zoom live lessons. These sessions aim to reduce the pressure on parents/carers to educate their child/ren themselves.
- Children will complete the work in the exercise books provided in the learning pack and return the work for marking at the end of the cycle.

An example timetable for a Y5 child can be found at [Year-5-remote-and-live-learning-timetable.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](https://www.brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/Year-5-remote-and-live-learning-timetable.pdf)

Welfare checks

We will make contact with all parents of children not attending school. These checks will provide us with an opportunity to find out how well your child is progressing with the learning package and deal with any questions or queries children or parents may have. The staff making the calls are familiar with your child and the learning requirements of the phase your child is in, so will be able to provide sound support and advice.

Access to technology

Children need to be able to access Zoom through an electronic device. We have surveyed parents through google forms and during welfare calls to ascertain accessibility to remote education. We hope to be able to provide all children with a device if they need one. Please contact BR-admin@vennacademy.org if you need further support or assistance.

Guidance for accessing Zoom can be found at [New-Zoom-Protocol.pdf](https://www.brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/New-Zoom-Protocol.pdf)
([brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk](https://www.brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk))

IT support - each Thursday we have our IT specialist on site. If you need IT support to enable your child to access remote education, please contact us at the email above. A telephone appointment will be made for you in the first instance.

Children attending school

The children attending school will follow a 'normal' teaching timetable, based on the school curriculum plans.

The school is delivering a recovery curriculum to address gaps in learning as a result of interrupted education due to COVID-19.

Further information about COVID-19, including the school risk assessment can be found on our website under the tabs Our School / Covid-19 information

[Covid-19 information | Brooke Primary Academy](#)

As always, if you have any suggestions or concerns, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of School