

Remote education provision: information for parents

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Wherever possible, your child should use Microsoft Teams to keep up with their learning. They can access this learning immediately by logging in to the school system and opening Microsoft Teams. The videos on the remote learning page explain everything to your child. Please make sure they have watched them carefully: <https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/keep-up-with-your-learning-even-if-you-have-to-stay-at-home/>

Wherever possible*, online learning mirrors the in-school curriculum exactly. This includes the assessment/feedback schedule and homework.

Time: Your child should spend the same amount of time on each subject as they would in school. They should follow their in-school timetable. Where live streams are taking place, please encourage them to attend from the very beginning.

Feedback: Feedback takes place in every lesson, with teachers checking pupils' understanding using features built into Microsoft Teams, other apps (e.g. Microsoft Forms) and external websites (such as Kahoot, Mathswatch). In addition, teachers are setting specific pieces of work for pupils to hand-in and more synoptic assessments (which check understanding and retention across sequences of lessons) will be set as they would be set in school. We will write to you with more details of these synoptic assessments separately. Pupils hand-in work according to the instructions given by the teacher. Common methods of handing-in work include: the Assignments feature of Teams, the Notebook app, a live workbook on OneDrive or email. Even if your child has not been asked to send a particular piece of work to their teacher, they may do so, requesting feedback, which teachers will be happy to provide.

Homework is set as per the usual homework timetable.

*in PE, for example, swimming would not be possible at home.

Here are some key points for you to be aware of:

- The work is a combination of live streams of lessons and Assignments set by class teachers. Wherever possible, we will prioritise providing live streams. If a teacher is absent and no cover is available, Assignments will

be set. Core PE is setting Assignments supplemented by additional extra-curricular videos during periods of lockdown.

- If there are situations where teachers are both teaching pupils physically in front of them as well as pupils at home, we are sure you can appreciate that the teacher will be attending to the pupils physically in front of them before attending to learners watching the stream at home. This is especially pertinent to any subjects (e.g. design and technology) where there is a particular need to attend to health and safety issues.
- If you believe your child has not been set enough work, please check with them that they have sent their work to their teacher and sought feedback. Please also make sure they are not spending too much time on one subject and too little on others. We have carefully planned to make sure pupils should have enough work but, if they require more, all they need to do is contact their teacher for that subject using the Chat function of Teams.
- Misbehaviour of any kind will not be tolerated. To ensure Teams remains an effective learning environment for all, any pupil who misuses the system could have their access withdrawn. In these situations, they will have to complete work using paper-based materials.
- If we are concerned that your child is not accessing remote learning, we will be contacting you via the House office in the first instance.

If your child does not have digital or online access, they will be issued with a workpack and you can arrange to bring the work into school so it can be assessed and pupils given feedback.

If your child has SEND needs which means they struggle to access remote learning, please contact us and we will provide additional support:

postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk

All of the above applies to pupils when they need to self-isolate individually as well as in the event that whole year groups or the whole school needs to isolate/lockdown. In all situations, we will be continuing to provide learning through a combination of Live lessons and Assignments.