

In accordance with the update Department for Education guidance in August 2024 Barr Beacon School will consider how education is to continue in the unlikely event of the following:

- School closures or restrictions on attendance, where school access for pupils is restricted
- Individual cases where a pupil is unable to attend school but is able to learn

In the event of a year group or whole school closure, the following outlines how Barr Beacon School will provide education for each pupil:

- 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. Tutorial videos explaining how to access these materials are available here: [new link need]
- We strive to ensure that online learning mirrors the in-school curriculum exactly, however in some cases adaptations made need to be made e.g. PE and Technologies. This will include assessment, feedback and homework.
- Your child should follow their in-school timetable and spend the same amount of time on each subject as they would in school. Where live streams are taking place, please encourage them to attend from the beginning of each session.
- 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 end of topic assessments will be set as they would be in school.
- Submission of work will need to be done according to the instructions given by the teacher. Common methods of handing-in work include: Assignment feature of Teams, Class Charts 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.

Terms and conditions of using TEAMS are:

- Cameras and microphones are switch off/muted
- Appropriate language and input is used within class messaging
- The hands up icon is used to raise any queries with teachers
- Follow the same behaviour expectations for an online session as a lesson in school
- Complete and submit work from these sessions to the deadline set
- Alert the class teacher if they are not able to complete work

- 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 work pack 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:
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