

East SILC Home Learning Provision: Information for parents/carers

The remote curriculum: what is taught to pupils at home

A pupil's first day or two of being educated remotely might look differently from our standard approach, while we take all necessary actions to prepare for a longer period of remote learning.

What should my child expect from immediate remote learning education in the first day or two of pupils being sent home?

During the first day or two that a pupil has to be educated remotely, pupils will be given some online links and programmes to follow, such as Oak National Academy, so that teaching staff can prepare work to be assigned for remote learning. Some work packs may be sent home to assist with completing activities and keeping to a routine whilst teaching staff are preparing work for the remote learning platform.

Following the first few days of remote education, will my child be taught broadly the same curriculum as they would if they were in school?

We will endeavour to teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school where possible. If it is not possible, relevant work to your child's needs will be provided.

How long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?

We expect that remote education (including remote teaching and independent work) will take pupils broadly a minimum of 2 hours per day.

Accessing remote education

How will my child access any online remote education you are providing?

East SILC will be using a blend of Microsoft Teams, software programmes and physical work to deliver and assess remote learning.

If my child does not have digital or online access at home, how will you support them to access remote education?

East SILC will loan out laptops to pupils for the use of remote learning only, if supplies allow. Parents/ carers can call school for more information regarding loaning laptops.

East SILC will issue 4G routers to pupils for the use of remote learning only, if supplies allow. Parents/ carers can call school for more information regarding 4G routers.

Evidence of work to be uploaded onto Microsoft Teams for feedback to pupils.

If you do not have online access, speak with your child's pastoral lead to arrange collection/ drop off of work.

How will my child be taught remotely?

We use a combination of the following approaches to teach pupils remotely:

- Live teaching (online lessons)
- Recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- Printed paper packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- Commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences)
- Online programmes using a paid subscription from the school e.g. Education City, Lexia, Bugs Club, Purple Mash, TT Rockstars, White Rose Maths, etc)

Engagement and feedback

What are your expectations for my child's engagement and the support that we as parents and carers should provide at home?

It is the expectation across the country that all children should be engaging in remote learning on the days they should be in school. It is our aim that pupils are engaging in remote learning for at least 2 hours per day Monday to Friday.

Due to the various needs of children who attend East SILC, we are expecting parents/ carers to support their child's remote learning by helping set routines as guided by your child's pastoral teacher. Independent tasks will be set where possible to promote the important skill of independence.

We recognise that some pupils may not be able to access any remote learning without support from adults at home. We acknowledge the difficulties this may place on families, and we will always work with parents and carers to support those pupils where possible.

How will you check whether my child is engaging with their work and how will I be informed if there are concerns?

We will regularly check on Microsoft Teams whether your child is accessing the work set in Assignments and what work is being returned via Microsoft Teams.

We will be reviewing pupil engagement with parents/ carers, where we will offer strategies to help improve pupil engagement in remote learning if required.

How will you access my child's work and progress?

Feedback can take many forms and may not always mean extensive written comments for individual children. For example, whole-class feedback or quizzes marked automatically via digital platforms are also valid and effective methods, amongst many others. Our approach to feeding back on pupil work is as follows:

- Written feedback for each assignment returned to teachers.
- Marking quizzes set
- Feedback will always be positive and constructive.
- Feedback will be given within one working day from when the assignment was returned to the teacher.