



THE BEWDLEY SCHOOL

Learning for Life - Achievement for All

Remote Education - January 2021

The purpose of this document is to provide an explanation as to what students, parents and carers should expect during periods of school closure or student isolation relating to coronavirus (COVID-19).

FAQ's:

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 students broadly the same number of hours each day as if they were in school. When students are isolating and most students are in school, they will follow their timetable for the previous day, unless they are invited into live lessons. When most of our students are learning remotely, there will be less work set on Satchel One (Show My Homework) as separate homework, and the independent study work will more likely form part of the lesson itself. Students may be invited to continue to complete tasks in their own time where appropriate. Examination year groups should expect more of this. Students who are in examination year groups will be encouraged to revise topics independently and some will be offered remote revision sessions.

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

Since March 2020, our remote learning platform has been Microsoft Teams. This is where all live lessons and lesson materials will be provided. Other resources will be signposted by teachers during their lessons, and students from Year 7 are trained to use reliable websites for their own reference. Curriculum workbooks are also available from <https://www.bewdley.worcs.sch.uk/covid-19/student-material/>

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

We recognise that some pupils may not have suitable online access at home. Parents/carers are invited to request laptops, dongles and any other technical support. Contacting ictsupport@bewdley.worcs.sch.uk is the quickest way to access this support. Our IT team contact any families needing this help to resolve issues on an individual basis.

How will my child be taught remotely?

We use a combination of approaches to teach students remotely. All our teaching uses the Microsoft Teams platform. Satchel One (Show My Homework) is our homework platform and will also be used to provide some further independent learning where appropriate.

- live teaching for all or part of a lesson (online lessons using Microsoft Teams)
- recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers)

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

Whole-class feedback or quizzes marked automatically via digital platforms are valid and effective methods the methods to assess and feedback on students' work.

- Whole class quizzes, written tasks that students submit, responses in lessons through questioning, are all approaches that teachers might use. Teachers use the work students complete, to shape the next lessons. Feedback may be provided to the whole class, where teachers will unpick misconceptions during their lessons.
- Students' understanding will be checked throughout lessons through questioning, as they would be in the classroom.
- Engagement to live lessons will be monitored

How will you work with me to help my child who needs additional support from adults at home to access remote education?

We recognise that some students, for example some students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), may not be able to access remote education without support from adults at home.

We acknowledge the difficulties this may place on families, and we will work with parents and carers. Our SEND Team make regular calls to our parents/carers where appropriate, to support them to access and submit their work. Students who cannot engage with online learning, even after staff are informed of difficulties and have adapted work, will be offered support in school. EHCP students and their families are supported by the Student Development Department as needed.

What happens regarding behaviour management during online lessons?

Students are expected to maintain the high standards of behaviour that we would expect in school. The school will follow the school's behaviour policy's when dealing with misdemeanours during online lessons.

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

We are monitoring student engagement in our lessons daily. Teachers will encourage students to participate in lessons and access materials on Teams. Where engagement in a particular subject becomes a concern, we will contact parents/carers directly. The pastoral team will contact parents/carers when engagement becomes a concern overall with the intention of supporting them to re-engage.

Where can I access support if my child is struggling with their mental health and wellbeing?

The following agencies may be able to support you/your child with their mental health and wellbeing. The signposting to various agencies can be accessed here [Mental Health Wellbeing Information](#).