Remote Education Offer

At Rowley Hall Primary School, we believe that children learn best when they are in school, learning alongside their teachers and peers. **Remote education is not an alternative to attending school.** It will only be considered as a last resort when attendance at school is not possible but a child is well enough to continue learning.

When might remote education be provided?

Remote education may be used when the school, a class or group of pupils cannot attend because of exceptional circumstances or where an individual pupil is unable to attend for a limited period but is well enough to learn. In exceptional circumstances, it may also form part of an agreed plan to support a pupil with SEND, medical or mental-health needs to return successfully to school. It will **not** normally be provided for routine short-term illness where a child is too unwell to learn.

What will children learn?

Our remote education will be meaningful, ambitious and closely aligned with the curriculum being taught in school, so that pupils can continue to build their knowledge and skills. Learning may include reading, phonics, English, mathematics and wider curriculum subjects. Depending on the circumstances, teachers may provide activities, recorded teaching, high-quality online resources, such as Oak National Academy, or paper-based materials. We will select the most appropriate approach rather than expecting children to spend long periods working on a screen.

How will we support different needs?

We recognise that remote education can be more difficult for younger pupils and for some pupils with SEND. Learning will therefore be adapted where necessary, with reasonable adjustments and appropriately matched resources. Where appropriate, school will work with families to provide individualised materials and support.

Accessing learning at home

We will work with families to identify barriers to accessing remote education. Where appropriate and subject to availability, school may be able to support families with access to a device, internet connectivity or printed materials. Parents and carers should contact school if their child is unable to access the learning provided. If your child has been offered remote education and you need support accessing it, please contact the school office by emailing office@rhps.org.uk or telephoning 0121 559 1400.

Engagement, feedback and contact with school

Where remote education is being provided, teachers will give pupils appropriate opportunities to receive feedback, ask for help and maintain contact with school. The frequency and form of this will depend on the circumstances and length of absence. School will also maintain appropriate contact to support pupils' wellbeing and safeguarding.

Safeguarding and online safety

Our safeguarding and online-safety expectations continue to apply when pupils are learning remotely. Any online communication or teaching will take place through school-approved systems, for example Google Classroom, and in accordance with our safeguarding procedures.

Returning to school

Remote education does not replace attendance at school. Pupils receiving remote education remain absent from school and the appropriate attendance code will be used. Supporting the child to return to school as soon as possible remains the priority.