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Dear Parents, Carers & Guardians

First of all, we would like to say a big thank you for supporting your child's remote learning so far. It has been brilliant to see so many young people engaging in online 'live lessons', submitting work via online learning platforms such as 'Class Dojo Portfolio' and engaging in pre-recorded lessons on Loom. Feedback from staff and parents/carers has been overwhelmingly positive.

### Update on remote learning plans

As an outstanding school we are currently evaluating our remote learning offer to all classes to ensure that pupils receive high quality learning opportunities to home. This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to pupils and parents or carers about what to expect from remote education

Updated remote Learning plans - [see introduction video by clicking here!](#)

### Aim of remote learning at Oakwood

- Establish measures that will reduce the effects of being off school and try to minimize missed work across various subjects / qualifications in order to give pupils the best chance to show their full potential when they return to school
- Support pupils physical and social development, and mental wellbeing during school closure

### What is the plan for remote learning?

- We would like pupils to engage in daily online lessons via zoom (see example school website for more information and please check your child's class page on Class Dojo for any updated from your teacher). This is an opportunity to support pupils progress in each subject area and support pupils wellbeing.
- We would also like pupils to complete the 'home learning menu's' with parents and carers at home. These menu tasks are planned to address curriculum content this year and support learning missed in school

Where can I find the 'home learning menu' for my child?



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- All pupils have been issued with a remote learning book which has a paper copy of the home learning menu's stuck on the inside. Further copies can be found on our school website here



Daily online lessons timetable

Please find an example online learning timetable below. To find your classes' timetable online please view your classes class dojo or our school website shortly.

	PPA – 8:15am until 9:00am	Lesson 1 – 9:00am until 9:45am	Lesson 2 – 10:00am until 10:45pm	Lesson 3 – 11:00pm until 11:45pm	Lesson 4 – 1:00pm until 1:45pm	Lesson 5 – 2:00pm until 2:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	PPA	Lesson 1 Form / Wellbeing / Reading for pleasure	Lesson 2 English	Lesson 3 Maths	Lesson 4 Science	Lesson 5 PE
<b>Tuesday</b>	PPA	Lesson 1 Form / Wellbeing / Reading for pleasure	Lesson 2 English	Lesson 3 Maths	Lesson 4 Science	Lesson 5 Foundation – Art/Music
<b>Wednesday</b>	PPA	Lesson 1 Form / Wellbeing / Reading for pleasure	Lesson 2 English	Lesson 3 Maths	Lesson 4 Science	Lesson 5 Personal Development
<b>Thursday</b>	PPA	Lesson 1 Form / Wellbeing / Reading for pleasure	Lesson 2 Music P Reynolds	Lesson 3 Maths	Lesson 4 Science	Lesson 5 PE
<b>Friday</b>	PPA	Lesson 1 Form / Wellbeing / Reading for pleasure / assembly	Lesson 2 English	Lesson 3 Maths	Lesson 4 English	No lesson

\*Please note that due to staffing rota's, there will be some occasions when live lessons are unavailable for your child. During these times, please make use of the online resources and work menus. This will be communicated on your child's class dojo page.

Where can I ask for help or talk to if things aren't working

Form teachers are available to contact in the school day via Class Dojo.

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

We will make every effort to ensure that pupils access remote education as soon as possible. In the first instance please use the 'home learning menus' available on the school website until school provide more information on your child's remote learning offer.



Will my child be taught broadly the same curriculum as they would if they were in school?

Yes, we teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school. More information can be found on our school website under the 'curriculum' tab.

Remote teaching and study time each day - how long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?

There is no set number of hours for pupils in special school settings to target each day. We have adopted different strategies which range from class-to-class and pupil-to-pupil. Our ambition is to support parents and carers with a remote learning strategy that works best for you!

Accessing remote education - how will my child access any online remote education you are providing?

Home Learning menus are available on the school website alongside your classes online timetable. Further information will be communicated by your form teacher on class dojo

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

We recognize that some pupils may not have suitable online access at home. We take the following approaches to support those pupils to access remote education:

- You can contact your form teacher on class dojo or ring school to request access to an electronic device or free internet access. A member of senior staff will contact you to discuss drop off arrangements and important information such as safeguarding, consent and damage.
- Parents and carers can also request paper based learning materials if this is more suitable for your child's needs at home. Further feedback opportunities from your class teacher will be explored in this case. Please contact your form teacher for more information

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

Online 'live' lessons are scheduled on your classes remote learning timetable alongside the opportunity for your teacher to provide one 'pre recorded' lesson per day or important intervention lessons such as Ed Shed or Maths Whizz. During lessons your child may be directed to use the Class Dojo 'Portfolio' learning platform to complete work.

There are further opportunities for your child to access specialist online 'live' lessons in PE, Music and Personal Development and these will be led by cover teachers in school (not your child's normal form teacher).

If it is more suitable, then pupils can engage in the 'Home Learning Menu's' available on the school website. Parents and carers can also request paper based learning materials if this is more suitable for your child's needs at home. Further feedback opportunities from your class teacher will be explored in this case. Please contact your form teacher for more information

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?

We expect all pupils to engage in remote learning, in a way that best suits the needs of your child. We understand that we may need to adapt our approach to work alongside parents and carers to support pupils the best way that we can.

During these uncertain times, we encourage parental support at home in order to set and maintain routines for pupils in line with their classes remote learning timetables'. We would also appreciate parents and carers to support pupils with technology support at home so they can access remote learning and we will be supporting parents with 'tech tips' daily on class dojo alongside the 'parents and carers help centre' available on the school website.

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

Teachers will discuss this with parents and carers during their weekly wellbeing call or any concerns via messaging on Class Dojo

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

Form teachers will help pupils to engage in an online learning platform called 'Class Dojo Portfolio'. On here is the opportunity for teachers to check pupil's engagement with remote education.

During 'online live lessons' teachers will provide verbal feedback on pupil's progress and if your is currently working from paper based work, then teachers will discuss this with parents and carers during their weekly wellbeing call.

### Remote education for self-isolating pupils

Where individual pupils need to self-isolate but the majority of their peer group remains in school, remote education provided will likely differ from the approach for whole groups. This is due to the challenges of teaching pupils both at home and in school.

If there is any other information that you require please contact your child's form teacher or a member of the senior leadership team at school.

Yours sincerely

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