



Mesne Lea Primary School

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Remote Learning Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I just want to say well done to all our families for adapting to the “new normal” and thank you for the very supportive approach you have taken in these exceptionally challenging times. Whatever your personal circumstances, we think you are doing a great job!

Remote Learning

All the staff at Mesne Lea are working tirelessly to ensure that learning continues for all of our pupils in the current lockdown, and with a number of vulnerable and critical worker children in school.

Understandably, some parents and carers will find home learning challenging and it is inevitable that it will look different from school to school and for different age groups.

At Mesne Lea, we upload work to Tapestry for EYFS and Class Dojo for Year 1 – Year 6 weekly, with daily messages of how to learn from home and how to manage their time. Positivity, encouragement, and engagement are key! We use the messaging and portfolio facility to provide individualised feedback on work which is uploaded. Where appropriate we also provide whole class feedback on the class story.

Mrs Cartwright is our remote learning lead meaning that she monitors the quality and delivery of remote education. Our remote learning policy can be found on the school website under the Remote Learning Tab and is under constant review.

The Government has not specified a standard for remote learning as every school’s context is unique but guidance and minimum requirements have been published that detail the hours and certain expectations. The expected remote learning time for each key stage is as follows:

Key Stage 1: 3 hours a day on average across the cohort, with less for younger children

Key Stage 2: 4 hours a day

There is **no** expectation that ‘live’ lessons should be delivered for many reasons including safeguarding, timetabling and potential issues with internet access at home. However, recorded lessons will be provided, by teachers or other educational providers (such as Oak National Academy and White Rose). As a school we have decided ‘live’ engagement will take place daily, at a specific time via zoom.

It is not expected that digital means will be the only way to teach our children remotely, we have developed age-appropriate paper packs based on teacher knowledge of our children. We are also in the process of collating “How to ...” guides for parents which will be put on the school website, under the Remote Learning Tab. This will give you the information you need to support your child at home, with specific subjects.



Special Educational Needs

Teachers are best placed to know how the needs of individual children can be most effectively met. Direct messages are sent to specific children with differentiated work however, the children are able to access the year group work on the class story as well for further challenge.

Monitoring Engagement

As a school, we have a robust system in place to check daily whether our children are engaging. We work with families to rapidly identify effective solutions where engagement is a concern. If we have not had work submitted or contact with individual families, we will follow this up with a phone call and if we are still unsuccessful, we will conduct a social distant home visit.

Wellbeing

The school website gives details of supportive avenues for you, your child and for schools during this time. [Pupil Well-being – Mesne Lea Primary School](#)

We recognise that this is a challenging time for all, and we know that you will be doing all you can to support your children with their remote learning. This will help them continue to make progress as well as enable us to offer places to vulnerable pupils and those whose parents are critical workers.

Your Sincerely,

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Mrs Cartwright

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