

Remote Education Provision: Information for Parents

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This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to students and parents or carers about what to expect from remote education for when it may be necessary to implement.

The remote curriculum: what is taught to students at home

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

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

Your child should log on to Microsoft Teams at the normal start time for lessons 1-5 and will receive a 'live' online lesson from their class teacher.

Lesson/Activity	Time
Lesson 1	9:00 - 10:00
Lesson 2	10:00 - 11:00
Break	11:00 - 11:15
Lesson 3	11:15 - 12:15
Lesson 4	12:15 - 13:15
Lunch	13:15 - 14:00
Lesson 5	14:00 - 15:00

Your child will be able to hear their teacher throughout the lesson and will be able to ask questions using the 'chat' function of Microsoft Teams. If there are any technical issues, please consult the guides on the school website:

https://kirkbyhighschool.net/student-area/

Alternatively, please contact school by phone 0151 4778710 or email admin@kirkbyhighschool.net

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 teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate. However, we have needed to make some adaptations in some subjects. For example, some practical subjects might require changes to the sequencing of the curriculum.

Accessing remote education

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

They will access their online remote education through Microsoft Teams and their homework tasks through Arbor. Support is available on our school website:

Microsoft Teams: https://kirkbyhighschool.net/student-area/

Arbor: Kirkby High School (arbor.sc)

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

Live teaching (online lessons for periods 1-5 in the school day) on Microsoft Teams.

Pre-prepared content on Microsoft Teams (year group specific).

Homework tasks which will continue to be set through Arbor.

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 your child to attend each 'live' lesson.

Please encourage your child to remain in their 'normal' school routine and 'attend' lessons according to their timetable.

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

You will receive a phone call if your child has not attended a lesson.

How will you assess 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 student work is as follows:

Your child will receive verbal feedback throughout the online lessons.

Your child will receive feedback on their written tasks through Microsoft Teams at the same frequency as to which they receive feedback in school. Your child will be given time during the 'live' lessons to respond to this feedback.

Additional support for students with particular needs

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 to support those students in the following ways:

School place for lower ability SEND and all EHCP students with personalised intervention.

Educate city (online learning platform aimed at the lower ability SEND).

Email and telephone support for any technical and learning needs.

Home learning packs (literacy, numeracy, handwriting).

Access to telephone support with a qualified counsellor.