

Istead Rise Primary School An Updated Guide to Remote Learning Effective: September 6th 2021

National guidance to schools on managing positive cases, or possible positive cases of Covid-19 has changed from the previous two academic years. Most notably, children are no longer grouped into 'bubbles' and schools will no longer be responsible for identifying individuals or groups who have had close contact with any individual who has tested positive. Full NHS guidelines on self-isolation and testing can be found here.

How do these changes affect my child's remote learning?

As a result of these changes, we have made adaptations to our remote/home learning provision to ensure that all children can continue to participate in learning should they have to self-isolate.

The new guidance means that it is unlikely that any whole classes will need to self-isolate at one time, rather that it is more probable that individual children or small groups of children may experience periods of self-isolation, if they test positive for Covid-19. This means that we will be unable to offer live video lessons to pupils who are home, as all teachers will be teaching their classes in school.

How will my child access remote learning?

We will continue to set tasks for those having to self-isolate on Google Classroom. Any learning set will correspond with current class learning objectives and will be designed to ensure that no child misses out on any stage of their learning journey, even if they are unable to attend school.

Many pupils will already know their Google Classroom log-in details and these are also written in individual pupil planners. Should any family still require assistance accessing Google Classroom, please contact the school office who will arrange for your child's teacher to call you back.

What will remote learning include?

There will be English and Maths tasks set on Google Classroom for each day your child needs to self-isolate. There will also be a series of other learning activities set across a range of curriculum subjects and linked to current class learning objectives. Your children will also be able to access Mathletics, Times Table Rock Stars & BugClub using their usual

log-in details (these can also be found in individual pupil planners). Some of the set activities may direct children to high quality online learning platforms, such as Oak National Academy or BBC Bitesize.

Although your teacher will provide a suggested weekly timetable of learning activities, pupils will be free to complete any tasks set in any order and at a time that is convenient for your family.

We also ask that you encourage your child to take some time to read for pleasure and also to practise their recall of times tables.

How will my child communicate with their teacher or receive feedback on their learning?

All pupils can contact their teacher via Google Classroom and their teacher can provide online feedback on any completed tasks they submit. If you require any further assistance, please contact the school office, who will arrange for your child's teacher to call you back.

What if we don't have a device at home for my child to use?

If any pupil does not have access to a suitable device at home, our school office team will be happy to arrange for you to borrow a school laptop.

What if I have any further questions?

Our school office can be contacted on 01474 833177 or at irpoffice@swale.at and our team will be happy to help you with your query.