

Remote Education Outline

Saint Martin's Catholic Academy

Staff member with overall responsibility for remote learning:

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Remote education provision: information for parents

This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to pupils and parents or carers about what to expect from remote education where national or local restrictions require entire cohorts (or bubbles) to remain at home.

For details of what to expect where individual pupils are self-isolating, please see the final section of this page.

The remote curriculum: what is taught to pupils at home

A pupil'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 pupils being sent home?

You will have instructions about where pupils need to go to access online learning. There is a help page linked from the school website's homepage <https://www.saint-martins.net/online-learning-platform>

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?

Yes, the timetable will usually be the same, although timings may be changed to make remote learning more practical.

Remote teaching and study time each day

How long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?

We expect that remote education (including remote teaching and independent work) will take pupils broadly the following number of hours each day:

<p>Key Stages 3 and 4</p> <p>Sixth Form</p>	<p>We follow our school curriculum and timetable. Students will have over five hours remote education per day and students who are studying for qualifications will have additional work to support their studies.</p> <p>Where prep work is set this will be in-line with work which would usually be set to support in school curriculum study and work will be clearly identified as homework.</p>
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Accessing remote education

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

Staff will use a range of platforms and software as appropriate to teaching and learning sequence. We use: MS teams, Zoom, email and our school website as places where students access their remote education. Subjects may also use specific platforms which meet the teaching needs of that particular subject (for example, Dr Frost for maths). Staff will always talk students through any new software to build familiarity.

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

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

If you have any concerns at all about how your child will access remote education please contact the school office immediately so we can help you. We have a limited number of devices which we are able to loan for use in the home. If there are concerns regarding internet connection or mobile data we can also support and help with this. If you do require printed materials because you don't have online access please let the school office know so we can support you. We will also be able to support if your child is not able to submit their work online.

We will work with you to find a suitable way for your child to access remote learning.

How will my child be taught remotely?

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

- Live teaching (online lessons): these sessions will take place using MS teams or zoom. Links will be shared prior to the start of the lesson. Live teaching will be adapted so that it is suitable for age. All students will have some live teaching as part of their weekly curriculum experience. The amount of live teaching will vary by subject. Where possible this will include opportunities for assessment and feedback via questions and answer sessions.
- Recorded teaching: we use narrated power points and other resources for students so that they can access clear explanations of new content by their class teachers or other school staff.
- We will ensure there is time for students to work independently within a sequence of learning and to use feedback from staff to help to develop their learning. This independent work will also include some learning experiences which do not depend on 'screen time'.

We will also usually provide pupils with Knowledge Books to support them in their study. These will usually be printed in school and ready for collection asap.

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 work in partnership with our families. Please let us know by speaking to your child's tutor or contacting the school office if you have any concerns at all about how you can support your child with their remote learning.

In-line with previous communication with all parents, we expect all students to access their remote education daily and we are providing a varied daily curriculum against our planned subject specific curriculum. Please let us know if your child can't access remote education on any day (because, for example, they are unwell or because of an issue accessing online platforms).

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

We will check daily that students are engaging with remote education. The School Office are likely to contact you first, as they would for any absence from school.

Depending on the situation, your subject teacher or the Leadership Team may also contact you to see if any help or support is needed so your child can engage with remote education.

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 pupil work is as follows:

Our approach to feedback in terms of remote education aims to mirror the types of feedback your child gets in school. This will include verbal whole class feedback on work and next steps, individual verbal feedback and written next steps on selected pieces of work. Some subjects will also use on-line knowledge quizzes as part of assessment.

Additional support for pupils 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 pupils, for example some pupils 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 pupils in the following ways:

Subject teachers, the SENCO and teaching assistants (where relevant) will work with families on an individual basis so that the individual learning needs of students can be met.

Remote education for self-isolating pupils

Where individual pupils need to self-isolate but the majority of their peer group remains in school, how remote education is 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 my child is not in school because they are self-isolating, how will their remote education differ from the approaches described above?

Because subject teachers will mainly be delivering education to those students physically in school, work set for students self-isolating is unlikely to include live teaching sessions. However, subject teachers will share a wide range of resources for children to access at home during any self-isolation. These resources will follow the curriculum path for the class so students self-isolating do not get behind in their learning. Because periods of self-isolation are often quite short your child's subject teachers may ask them to bring work they have completed on paper at home into school with them when they return to class so their work can be assessed, following the school feedback policy.