

Remote Learning Policy

ISP Whitstable



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1. Aims

This remote learning policy for staff aims to:

- › Ensure consistency in the approach to remote learning for pupils who aren't in school.
- › Set out expectations for all members of the school community with regards to remote learning.
- › Provide appropriate guidelines for data protection.

1.1 Occasions when individual pupils, for a limited duration, are unable to physically attend school but are able to continue learning, for example because:

- › They have an infectious illness
- › They are preparing for or recovering from some types of operation
- › They are recovering from injury and attendance in school may inhibit such recovery
- › Their attendance has been affected by a special educational need or disability (SEND) or a mental health issue

The school will consider providing pupils with remote education on a case-by-case basis.

- › In the limited circumstances when remote learning is used, we will:
 - › Gain mutual agreement of remote education by the school, parents/carers, pupils, and if appropriate, a relevant medical professional, social worker and the local authority (LA).
 - › Put formal arrangements in place to regularly review it and identify how to reintegrate the pupil back into school
 - › Identify what other support and flexibilities can be put in place to help reintegrate the pupil back into school at the earliest opportunity
 - › Set a time limit with an aim that the pupil returns to in-person education with appropriate support
 - › Remote education will not be used as a justification for sending pupils home due to misbehaviour. This would count as a suspension, even if the pupil is asked to access online education while suspended.

2. Roles and responsibilities

2.1 Teachers

When providing remote learning, teachers must be available between 9:00-12:00 and 13:00-15:30.

If they're unable to work for any reason during this time, for example due to sickness or caring for a dependent, they should report this using the normal absence procedure.

When providing remote learning, teachers are responsible for:

➤ Setting work such as but not limited to:

- Maintaining the class timetable by using Worksheets on Class Dojo. Worksheets is a new feature on Class Dojo enabling students to complete work online while watching a pre-recorded video of their teacher giving them instructions.
- Preparing Worksheets on Class Dojo with video teaching input or instructions.
- The expectation of at least one differentiated Worksheet per subject reflecting what the students would have expected to complete if they were in class.
- This work needs to be set in time for students to access it at 9:15 every day during the week.

➤ Providing feedback on work such as but not limited to:

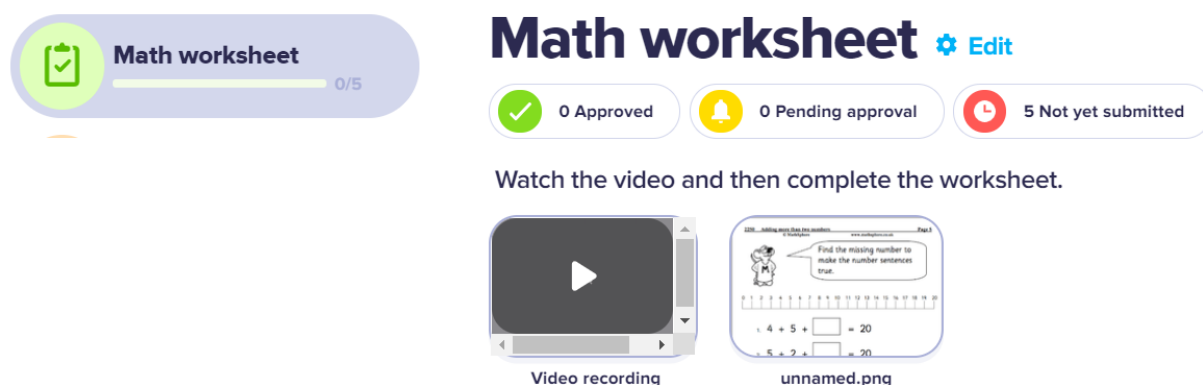
- Once a pupil completes a Worksheet on Class Dojo, a minimum of a comment giving relevant feedback is expected from the teacher who sets the work. This can either be a comment on the Worksheet or a comment linked to a Class Dojo point.

➤ Keeping in touch with pupils who aren't in school and their parents:

- Tutor times should be arranged on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays via Microsoft Teams at a time that suits the tutor and the pupils. Tutor times should always be attended by two members of staff, typically the class teacher and at least one class Progress Engagement Guide.
- Teachers would be expected to reply to parent's/children's comments/emails between 9:00-15:00 but not outside these hours.
 - For any concerns shared by parents and pupils or for any safeguarding concerns, contact Mr Steve Rumball DSL at ISP school Whitstable .
- If a pupil is failing to complete work, then the class teacher/tutor will contact the pupil's parents/foster parents to assess the accessibility of the work and how to best engage the pupil. For instance, it might be more appropriate for the child to work on a long term project instead.

➤ Attending virtual meetings with staff, parents and pupils:

- During virtual meetings with staff, parents and pupils, teachers are expected to dress appropriately and avoid areas with background noise or inappropriate background.



An example of a Maths worksheet accompanied by a video recording prepared by the teacher

2.2 Progress Engagement Guides

When assisting with remote learning, Progress Engagement Guides must be available between 9:00-3:30

If they're unable to work for any reason during this time, for example due to sickness or caring for a dependent, they should report this using the normal absence procedure.

When providing remote learning, Progress Engagement Guides are responsible for:

➤ Mentoring sessions:

- Arranging a convenient time each week for each Progress Engagement Guide's allocated pupils to talk.
- Following the session, complete a mentoring sheet and submit on SIMs.

➤ Providing feedback on work/cover like:

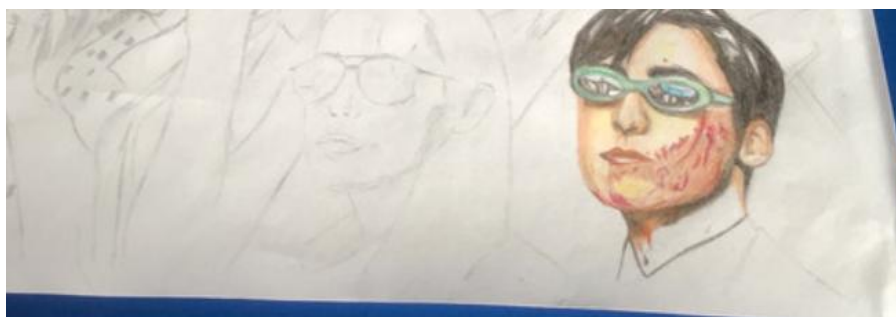
- Once a pupil completes a Worksheet on Class Dojo, a minimum of one comment giving relevant feedback is expected by the Progress Engagement Guide to celebrate the pupil's engagement.

➤ Keeping in touch with pupils who aren't in school and their parents like:

- Tutor times should be arranged on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays via Microsoft Teams at a time that suits the tutor and the pupils. Tutor times should always be attended by two members of staff, typically the class teacher and at least one class Progress Engagement Guide.
- Progress Engagement Guides would be expected to reply to parent's/children's comments/emails between 9:00-15:00.
 - For any concerns shared by parents and pupils or for any safeguarding concerns, contact Mr Steve Rumball
- If a pupil is failing to complete work, then the class teacher may ask a Progress Engagement Guides to contact the pupil's parents/foster parents to assess the accessibility of the work and how to best engage the pupil.

➤ Attending virtual meetings with staff, parents and pupils:

- During virtual meetings with staff, parents and pupils, Progress Engagement Guides are expected to dress appropriately and avoid areas with background noise or inappropriate background.



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Mrs. [redacted]

This is outstanding!!

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An example of a teacher giving positive feedback to a pupil

2.3 Leadership, including SENCO

Alongside their teaching responsibilities if any, leadership is responsible for:

- Considering whether any aspects of the subject curriculum need to change to accommodate remote learning.
- Working with teachers teaching their subject remotely to make sure all work set is appropriate and consistent.
- Working with other leaders to make sure work set remotely across all subjects is appropriate and consistent, and deadlines are being set an appropriate distance away from each other.
- Monitoring the remote work set by teachers in their subject – explain how they'll do this, such as through regular meetings with teachers or by reviewing work set.
- Alerting teachers to resources they can use to teach their subject remotely.

2.4 Senior leaders

- Alongside any teaching responsibilities, senior leaders are responsible for:
- Co-ordinating the remote learning approach across the school.
- Monitoring the effectiveness of remote learning through regular meetings with teachers, reviewing work set or reaching out for feedback from pupils and parents.
- Monitoring the security of remote learning systems, including data protection and safeguarding considerations.

2.5 Designated safeguarding lead

- The DSL is responsible for:

- Ensuring that concerns raised on myconcern are actioned and followed up.
- Investigating incidents involving pupils that do not engage with remote education

2.6 Class Dojo Accessibility

- When possible, teachers will try to help parents to join Class Dojo, however when that's not possible, Mr Burrows will assist pupils and parents with accessing Class Dojo on their devices.

2.7 Pupils and parents

Staff can expect pupils learning remotely to:

- Be contactable during the school day – although consider they may not always be in front of a device the entire time.
- Complete work to the deadline set by teachers.
- Seek help if they need it, from teachers or Progress Engagement Guides.
- Alert teachers if they're not able to complete work.

Staff can expect parents with children learning remotely to:

- Make the school aware if their child is sick or otherwise can't complete work.
- Seek help from the school if they need it.
- Be respectful when making any complaints or concerns known to staff.

2.8 Governing board

The governing board is responsible for:

- Monitoring the school's approach to providing remote learning to ensure education remains as high quality as possible.
- Ensuring that staff are certain that remote learning systems are appropriately secure, for both data protection and safeguarding reasons.

3. Who to contact

If staff have any questions or concerns about remote learning, they should contact the following individuals:

- Issues in setting work – contact class teacher or the SENCo
- Issues with behaviour – contact the class teacher via Class Dojo
- Issues with IT – contact James Burrows via Class Dojo or email
- Issues with their own workload or wellbeing – contact their line manager
- Concerns about data protection – contact the data protection officer
- Concerns about safeguarding – submit a safeguarding concern via myconcern

4. Data protection

4.1 Accessing personal data

When accessing personal data for remote learning purposes, all staff members will:

- Access student data, using SIMs and the S drive via a VPN.
- Use only school laptops and iPads to access the data.

4.2 Keeping devices secure

All staff members will take appropriate steps to ensure their devices remain secure. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Keeping the laptops/iPads password-protected – strong passwords are at least 8 characters, with a combination of upper and lower-case letters, numbers and special characters (e.g. asterisk or currency symbol)
- Making sure the device locks if left inactive for a period of time
- Not sharing the device among family or friends
- Keeping operating systems up to date – always install the latest updates

5. Safeguarding

- Safeguarding concerns should be raised with Mr Steve Rumball DSL (see Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, which can be found at <https://ispschools.org.uk>)

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed in **July 2024 by Carole Cox** and SLT. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

7. Links with other policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Class Dojo Policy
- Child protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Home-school agreement
- Online safety policy

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2	Policy review – Nov 2022
3	Policy review - July 2023
4	Policy review – July 2024

