

Remote Learning Information for Schools – National Lockdown January 2021

Pupils who may be attending school

The new updated guidance sets out a more definitive list for critical workers with the need for only 1 parent being on this list. (It states that schools may ask for evidence of this for example by the way of work ID or pay slip). It also highlights more children & young people who are now on the vulnerable list from the previous list for national lockdown.

It would now be assumed that more pupils would be expected to be attending school for face to face lessons than in March 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Remote Learning

Schools/Academies need to have a statement detailing their Remote Learning published on the website by 25th January 2021. The Government has provided a template which can be found at:-

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/944627/Template_for_schools_share_information_about_your_remote_education.odt

Children and online safety away from school/college

It is important that DSL's reinforce that all staff who interact with children, including online, continue to look out for signs a child may be at risk. Any such concerns should be dealt with as per the Child Protection & Safeguarding policy and where appropriate referrals should still be made to children's social care and as required, the police.

Online teaching should follow the same principles as set out in the school's overarching code of conduct. Acceptable use policies for staff & pupils should reflect the expectations of remote learning and safeguard all parties.

Leadership things to consider:-

Where will staff be when remote teaching? Home or school?

If staff are working from home how are details regarding children & young people kept secure?

Will the teachers be using web cams and/or audio?

How have the expectations been communicated with parents, children & young people?

School will ensure any use of online learning tools and systems is in line with privacy and data protection/GDPR requirements.

Below are some things to consider when delivering virtual lessons, especially where webcams are involved:

- No 1:1s, groups/classes only (if 1:1s have to take place then what safeguarding is in place?)
- Staff and children must wear suitable clothing, as should anyone else in the household
- Any computers used should be in appropriate areas, for example, not in bedrooms; and the background should be blurred.
- The live class should be recorded so that if any issues were to arise, the video can be reviewed
- Live classes should be kept to a reasonable length of time, or the streaming may prevent the family 'getting on' with their day
- Language must be professional and appropriate, including any family members in the background
- Staff must only use platforms specified by senior managers and approved by our IT network manager/provider to communicate with pupils

- Staff should record, the length, time, date and attendance of any sessions held.
- On-line lessons should only be completed during the 'school day'
- The principles of E-Safety should be paramount when teaching through remote devices.

Staff will only use work email addresses to communicate with others for professional communications. They will use established portals for sharing work and communicating, for example, ClassDoJo and Show my Homework.

Extra support & Information regarding remote learning and safeguarding can be found at:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/coronavirus/>

[Undertaking remote teaching safely during school closures | NSPCC Learning](#)

[Online Safety - London Grid for Learning \(lgfl.net\)](#)

[Video conferencing services: security guidance for... - NCSC.GOV.UK](#)

Also further information can be taken from your DSL or E-Safety coordinator.

Gavin Williamson, secretary of State for Education stated:-

'As the government announced in December, Ofsted will carry out monitoring inspection in the Spring term of schools most in need of challenge and support. These inspections will have a strong focus on remote education. In addition, Ofsted can inspect schools – of any grade – where it has significant concerns about safeguarding or the quality of education being provided, including remote education. Parents should raise concerns about remote education with their school, and can report those concerns to Ofsted if the matter is not resolved.'