

Abbots Hall Primary Academy



Remote Learning Policy

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Signed: _____

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November 2026

Version control

Date	Version no.	Key changes from previous version
11/2020	V1	New policy

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
- Ensure pupils unable to attend school remain fully included within the school community.
- Continue to ensure that every child receives the best education the school can provide them
- Ensure that remote education is integrated in the curriculum, so it is an essential part of the school curriculum, alongside classroom teaching, or in the case of a local lockdown.

Roles and responsibilities

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. Monitoring the security of remote learning systems, including data protection and safeguarding considerations.
- If the class teacher is unwell and unable to lead remote learning, then the Senior Leadership team will take direct responsibility for this. If this is the case, home learning provision and systems may need to be adapted so that school leaders can continue to manage their leadership roles while carrying out remote learning for the class.

Designated safeguarding Lead

The DSL is responsible for:

- Safeguarding concerns, including those related to Remote Learning
- Please refer to Safeguarding Policy.
- Ensuring Family Support Worker provides support where required.

Teachers

When providing remote learning, teachers must be available between 9am-3pm on their working days

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

- Teachers will provide learning for their current class. The amount of work they need to provide is daily Maths and English lessons plus 3/4 lessons for foundation subjects each week. Daily phonics activities will be planned for KS1 and EGPS lessons for KS2.
- Teachers will use resources provide by the Oak National Academy, White Rose maths and BBC Bitesize, as well as other resources identified by school curriculum leaders.
- The work will be set weekly.
- Teachers will upload weekly learning packs on the school's ClassDojo (years EYFS to 5) or Microsoft TEAMS site (year 6). If parents are unable to access the internet, packs can be printed by staff who are on site, ready for parents to collect or staff can deliver to homes.
- Teachers will outline the work daily via their Class Dojo/Teams pages.

Providing feedback on work

- Pupils can upload their work on the ClassDojo profile. All work submitted will be acknowledged by the class teacher. Feedback will be given for English and maths on an individual basis, where appropriate. Feedback will be age-appropriate.

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

In the case of a national or local lockdown, Teachers will keep in touch with pupils and parents using ClassDojo. If parents are not accessing ClassDojo, the Family Support Worker will complete a welfare call. Any concerns should be recorded on *myConcern* and the Head teacher alerted.

In the event of a self/class bubble isolation, communication will primarily be through ClassDojo (or Teams for Yr6). If there has been no communication from either a parent or child by day 3 of lockdown/self-isolation period starting, the Family Support Worker will complete a doorstep welfare visit.

Vulnerable pupils will be called weekly - CP/EHCP/identified pupils, this will be done by SENCO/DSL.

Message received from parents and pupils are to be checked between 9am and 3pm, Mon- Fri as a minimal requirement. Teachers should respond to pupil/parent emails within 48 hours.

Teaching assistants

When assisting with remote learning, teaching assistants must be available between 9am-3pm.

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 assisting with remote learning, teaching assistants are responsible for:

- supporting pupils who aren't in school with learning remotely when requested by Head Teacher/SENCO.
- liaising with class teachers to support planning and resourcing learning.

Subject leads

Alongside their teaching responsibilities, subject leads are responsible for monitoring the work teachers set by their subject.

Pupils and parents

Staff can expect pupils learning remotely to:

- Be contactable during the school day – 9am-3pm although they may not always be in front of a device the entire time
- Seek help if they need it, from teachers or teaching assistants 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 – if you know of any resources staff should point parents towards if they're struggling, include those here
- Be respectful when making any complaints or concerns known to staff

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

Who to contact

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

Here are some suggested issues and the most likely points of contact, but adapt and add to this as needed:

- Issues in setting work – talk to the relevant subject lead or SENCO
- Issues with behaviour – talk to a member of the Senior Leadership Team
- Issues with IT – talk to Computing Lead
- Issues with their own workload or wellbeing – a member of the Senior Leadership Team responsible for Wellbeing
- Concerns about data protection – talk to the data protection officer
- Concerns about safeguarding – talk to the Family Support Officer / Headteacher

Data protection

Accessing personal data

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

- Teachers are able to access parent contact details via school office using a secure password. Do not share any details with third parties.
- School laptops and iPads are the school's preferred devices to be used when accessing any personal information on pupils.

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 device 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)

- Ensuring the hard drive is encrypted – this means if the device is lost or stolen, no one can access the files stored on the hard drive by attaching it to a new device
- 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

Safeguarding

Please refer to the Safeguarding Policy.

Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed as and when updates to home learning are provided by the government by the Family Support Officer. At every review, it will be approved by the Governing Board