

Home Learning: what we will do if we go into another lockdown or your child's class has to self-isolate

Background

The Department for Education (DfE) have asked schools to prepare for the following, 'Where a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, we expect schools to have the capacity to offer immediate remote education'. Amongst further advice from the DfE, schools have been asked to, 'select the online tools that will be consistently used across the school in order to allow interaction, assessment and feedback.'

What parents can do to prepare for home learning

There is much more guidance for schools that we will be following as we prepare our lockdown home learning offer. However, in the short term, it would be useful for parents to know the following:

Our curriculum offer for lockdowns assumes that children at home will have access to:

- paper, pencils, crayons, a ruler and other standard stationery
- a suitable electronic device: a laptop, PC, tablet or mobile phone

**if you cannot gather these for your children at home, please get in touch – we may be able to help.*

The electronic device will be crucial for children:

- to access high-quality online and offline resources and teaching videos
- to watch recorded videos from their teachers
- to submit work to teachers for marking
- to receive feedback from teachers
- to use existing school apps and websites such as Doodlemaths, MyMaths, Times Table Rock Stars and Reading Eggs

If you are considering buying an electronic device to allow your children to access home learning, Amazon Fire tablets are especially good value and can be bought for as little £10 per month, spread over 5 months. There are slightly more expensive Fire Tablets, with better screens and more features, and any Android or Apple tablet should work well. Parents may also choose to use a laptop, PC or Mac – all will work. Please note, parents may choose to access home learning content and submit work for marking using their mobile phone – it is not necessary to buy a new device. Get in touch if you'd like to discuss a suitable device.

Next Steps for Parents

1. Once you have identified the device you will use, you should download the SeeSaw Class app: or, bookmark the following website on a laptop, Mac or PC: <https://web.seesaw.me/>
2. [Click here for a quick introduction to SeeSaw](#) – have a look!
3. Over the next day or so **we will send you a unique log in** for your child to access the SeeSaw app – **there is no need for you to set up your own account.**
4. Starting next week, we will set small practice tasks for your child on SeeSaw to practise submitting work and reviewing feedback. Please help your child complete the task.
5. Over the next week or so, we will send you more information to read about the curriculum offer for lockdown.
6. Parents should try to gather paper, pencils, crayons, a ruler and other standard stationery and put it to one side, ready for any potential lockdown.
7. Download or bookmark the following: Doodlemaths, MyMaths, Times Table Rock Stars and Reading Eggs.



If children have to stay at home, we do not want them to lose unnecessary learning time. As such, please read this information carefully and let us know if you have any questions. PLEASE SPEAK TO US ASAP IF YOU CANNOT COMPLETE THE 'NEXT STEPS' ABOVE. Many thanks