

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



REMOTE LEARNING POLICY

Policy Date: December 2020

Review Date: April 2021

Mission Statement

Caritas Christi Urget Nos

The love of Christ urges us to care for each other and strive for excellence in everything we do.

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

POLICY FOR REMOTE EDUCATION

OVERVIEW

Within its available resources during the National Lockdown, this school will do its best to provide a high quality of remote teaching and learning for all those pupils who need to be educated at home. However, depending on circumstances during the epidemic we may have to modify this policy if the school sustains high levels of staff absence.

As the pandemic develops, we may also have to modify our provision for remote learning by taking account of teachers' workload in relation to the balance of pupils being taught in person on site and those being provided for remotely off site.

INTENT

1. We will publish information for pupils, parents and carers about their remote education provision on the website by 1st February 2021
2. This school will make its best endeavours to use remote education to provide and teach a planned and well-sequenced curriculum to those pupils who need to be educated at home.
3. We will ensure that the DfE guidance for safe remote learning and safeguarding underpin this policy.
4. The teaching provided through remote learning will ensure that knowledge, skills and understanding are built incrementally so that pupils can make good progress through the school's curriculum.
5. This school will do all that it can within its resources to overcome any barriers to digital access for pupils.
6. We will provide appropriate resources to structure learning, which will be supplemented with other forms of communication to keep pupils on track and to assess their progress.
7. The school will do its best to put in place systems for checking regularly whether pupils are engaging with their work and making progress. We will offer support and advice where engagement is a concern.
8. Teachers will set meaningful and ambitious work each day in an appropriate range of subjects.
9. Within our resources we will do our best to provide a minimum of 3 hours a day on average across the cohort in KS1 and KS2 (4 hours), with less for younger children.

10. The school will use its best endeavours to secure the educational provision called for by pupils' special educational needs and vulnerable pupils.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. A designated senior leader will be given overarching responsibility for the quality and delivery of remote education, including that provision meets the DfE expectations for remote education (published Jan 2021)- Liz Wolfenden (Deputy Head Teacher) Annabelle Yee (ICT Coordinator)

2. The school will use a safe digital platform for remote education provision across the school and staff will be trained and confident in its use.

3. Remote learning will include both recorded or live direct teaching time and time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently.

4. Remote learning will set expectations that are appropriate to the pupils' age, stage of development or special educational needs.

5. Remote learning will provide opportunities for interactivity, including questioning, eliciting and reflective discussion.

6. Pupils will receive timely and frequent feedback on how to progress, using digitally-facilitated or whole-class feedback where appropriate.

7. The school will work collaboratively with families, putting in place reasonable adjustments as necessary, so that pupils with SEND can successfully access remote education alongside their peers.

8. Where individuals who are self-isolating are within the DfE definition of vulnerable, the school will use its reasonable best endeavours to put systems in place to keep in contact with them.

9. When a vulnerable child is asked to self-isolate, the school will notify their social worker (if they have one) and school leaders will agree with the social worker, reasonable and practical ways to maintain contact and offer support to the vulnerable child or young person.

10. The school will put in place reasonable, practical procedures to regularly check if a vulnerable child is able to access remote education support and to support them to access it as far as possible)

IMPACT

All pupils who need to be educated at home will be provided with and taught a planned and well-sequenced curriculum. Remote teaching will ensure that knowledge, skills and understanding are taught incrementally so that pupils can make good progress through the school's curriculum. The senior leadership team and governors will keep the policy and provision for Remote Education under regular review.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

In making decisions about remote learning all staff will take into account any special educational needs, disabilities, gender, and cultural differences that may be relevant to the case and ensure that the physical environment of the school enables all students to have equal access to continuity of education.

Monitoring and Evaluation of this policy

The Curriculum Committee will, in consultation with the Head teacher/Deputy Head teacher monitor and evaluate the implementation of this policy. It will be reviewed regularly to ensure it reflects current practice.

Member of staff with Lead Responsibility for this policy:	Liz Wolfenden
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