Remote Learning – Questions and Answers

What is remote learning?

Remote Learning refers to the provision of work, teacher support, assessment and feedback from teachers to children at home in the event that lessons are unable to be delivered 'face-to-face' as normal. Our aim for children learning at home is that they receive a high quality curriculum and continue to make progress in their learning. We believe that this aim can be achieved most effectively when staff, parents and children understand their responsibilities and work together. We have developed an OLW Remote Learning Partnership.

What are the expectations regarding remote learning?

We are in a very different position to the situation we faced earlier in the year during the national lockdown. The Department for Education expects all children isolating at home (if they are well) to be continuing with their learning and expects school to facilitate this. We support this view and we would expect our children to be completing their remote learning work when self-isolating. We know this may pose its own challenges and we have designed our remote learning arrangements to be as flexible and as 'family friendly' as possible.

How will School deliver remote learning?

At OLW School, remote learning will take different forms dependent on the circumstances of the self-isolation. Where possible, home learning activities will be sent electronically via Microsoft (MS) Teams. Where a class or year group are isolating, our remote learning will include some virtual face to face teaching time with their class teacher.

How will children access Microsoft Teams?

In September, we asked all families to complete an IT access survey. This has helped us to gain an understanding of children's access to IT. Our survey showed how complicated it will be to ensure every home has the IT access. We recognise that IT access will depend on an individual family's circumstances at that particular time. We will therefore keep a bank of laptops available for families. If families are isolating and are unable to collect a laptop, we will deliver the laptop to the family home.

By the end of October you will have received an email with your child's email address, username and password. Your child will need this information to log into MS Teams. If you cannot locate this email please contact the school office.

Is there guidance on how to use MS Teams?

Yes, we have produced a set of guides for parents. These are available on our school website: https://our-lady-of-the-wayside-catholic-primary-school.secure-primarysite.net/remote-learning-3/

Children have also practised using MS Teams in their classroom.

What are the remote learning activities?
Your child's class teacher will provide a daily menu of learning, what we refer to as a blended approach.

- Category 1 – Virtual lessons with your child's class teacher. This is '**must do**' learning.
- Category 2 –Learning planned and prepared by your child's class teacher. This is '**should do**' learning.
- Category 3 – Learning from an external source. This is '**try to**' learning. These activities have been chosen as they supplement and complement Our Lady of the Wayside's curriculum.

Do children have to complete all their remote learning activities?
There is an expectation that children engage in and complete all Category 1 and Category 2 learning/activities. We also encourage all children to complete all Category 3 learning.

Is there a remote learning timetable?
Yes, all children will have daily learning activities. We understand the challenges and stresses that remote learning can place on a family. We have designed our remote learning to be as flexible as possible. While Category 1 activities are time specific, Category 2 and Category 3 activities can be completed at any time during the day.

What will happen if my child's teacher is isolating?
In the event of a teacher self-isolating who is well, and children are in school, remote lessons will be delivered via MS Teams. A member of our support team, where possible, will supervise the children during the lesson and facilitate with teaching and learning. If a teacher is unwell, and children remain in school, usual cover arrangements will apply.

Further information regarding our approach to remote learning can be found on our website - https://our-lady-of-the-wayside-catholic-primary-school.secure-primarysite.net/remote-learning-3/