

Home Learning Offer

At Ashgate, we are providing a bespoke home learning offer to all of our children who are spending some time at home during the current pandemic.

We are striving to provide every pupil with access to high quality learning resources which are ensuring that our pupils are engaged and can remain on task, to the best of their ability, until we can welcome them all back into school.

We are using a selection of methods to support us via the school website including blogs, SeeSaw and both paper based and sensory based activity packs for our remote learning provision.

Ashgate Specialist Support School are providing remote education if:

- Individuals or groups of pupils need to self-isolate, but the rest of the school is still open; or
- There are local or national restrictions that mean most pupils need to stay at home.

What sort of work is being set?

The work is being uploaded onto our website / Seesaw or sent home by the class teacher and aims to continue the learning that was due to be taught in class.

This is being presented as a mixture of live, familiar, individual sessions, teacher produced resources and activities as well as commercially available online resources such as Education City and Espresso. Teachers are sign posting families to external apps and websites that will further support engagement in remote learning.

Within our remote learning, there are additional opportunities for pupils to practice key skills that are appropriate to their ability levels in pre-recorded sessions. The remote learning focuses on the most important knowledge and concepts that the pupils need to know both reinforcing and embedding learning and skills. Whichever activity or resource best fits the learning is being chosen rather than just using one resource.

There will also be a range of activities that we are providing to ensure that our children are not having to sit in front of a screen all of the time.

SeeSaw is a platform for pupil engagement whereby teachers can create and find creative activities to share with pupils. Parents are able to use this to see their child's work and leave comments and encouragement which can be seen immediately by all.

Pupils and families can also take pictures, draw, record videos and more to capture learning in a portfolio.

How are we helping if your child does not have a digital device or internet access at home?

If your child does not have access to the internet or technology at home then please get in contact with us as there are several ways that we can support to make sure that your child gets access to all the learning that they are entitled to including;

- Loan of a school iPad. Please note that Parents will be asked to sign a device loan agreement for the device.
- Sensory work pack for your child to work through (at their own pace).
- Printed work packs for your child to work through (at their own pace).

How are we supporting parents in making sure that your child engages with their remote learning?

We are checking your child's engagement in a number of ways including, monitoring who is attending live sessions, completed work that has been submitted/ uploaded and monitoring how your child is doing when accessing digital resources such as Education City.

If monitoring shows that your child is struggling to engage with their remote learning we will call you to find the best way that we can support your child.

How are we assessing your child's work and progress?

Children are being assessed continually through a variety of strategies including communication and feedback from parents, interactions with the teacher during live sessions and reviewing their learning that has been submitted.

The teachers are using these strategies to plan further learning or provide your child with any support that they may need.

There are a number of documents below that are available for download from our website. These include;

- A Parents guide to using Zoom
- A Parents guide to Education City