



# Remote Education at Hamstead Hall

## **Remote education provision: information for parents**

This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to pupils and parents or carers about what to expect from remote education if local restrictions require entire cohorts (or bubbles) to remain at home.

For details of what to expect where individual pupils are self-isolating, please see the final section of this page.

## **The remote curriculum: what is taught to pupils at home**

A pupil's first day or two of being educated remotely might look different from our standard approach, while we take all necessary actions to prepare for a longer period of remote teaching.

## **What should my child expect from immediate remote education in the first day or two of pupils being sent home?**

They should also make sure they find a quiet, comfortable area to work. We have learnt a lot since the previous lockdown but please bear with staff members as they get used to the remote learning system. We appreciate your patience.

## **Following the first few days of remote education, will my child be taught broadly the same curriculum as they would if they were in school?**

We teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate. However, we have needed to make some adaptations in some subjects. For example, Design and Technology subjects will not be able to carry out any practical work while pupils are working remotely.

## **Remote teaching and study time each day**

### **How long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?**

The remote education provided will be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school and will include both recorded or live direct teaching time, and

time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently. The amount of remote education provided will be, as a minimum, 5 hours a day for both key Stages 3 and 4.

## **Accessing remote education**

### **How will my child access any online remote education you are providing?**

### **If my child does not have digital or online access at home, how will you support them to access remote education?**

Pupils should make sure that they have access to a computer and wi-fi. These are essential for the pupils to carry out the bulk of the remote learning programme. We recognise that some pupils may not have suitable online access at home. We take the following approaches to support those pupils to access remote education:

If your pupil does not have access to a computer and/or wi-fi you should contact the Academy via e-mail ([Postbox@hamsteadhall.com](mailto:Postbox@hamsteadhall.com)) or if that is not possible phone (0121 386 7510) to let them know of your exact needs. Please address the e-mail to your child's head of year.

We are currently lending pupils both laptops and wi-fi dongles which will meet their needs.

### **How will my child be taught remotely?**

We use a combination of the following approaches to teach pupils remotely:

#### Google Classroom

Work will be uploaded every day following your child's schedule. Teachers will provide learning and work in line with the content and teaching covered during the lessons that students would have been attending. Any resources used in the lesson will be uploaded by the beginning of the lesson as scheduled on the school's timetable. Students isolating should check their classroom on Google and complete the work. For practical subjects this may not always be possible, however if there are resources used during the lesson that would support the students to stay in touch with learning, these will be uploaded.

#### Zoom

the teacher might choose to offer access to live lessons through Zoom. The school has taken the necessary steps to increase security and safeguard both our students and teachers by subscribing to the educational package of Zoom. To safeguard students and teachers your child will have to log on to the Hamstead Hall Zoom page using their school username and password. This is the username and password they use to log on to laptops and PCs in school. Students who do not log on to Zoom as directed, will not be

admitted to the lesson. If your child does not know their school username and password, please complete the form in the Help section.

There may be some occasions where the teacher may choose to provide a live lesson to students learning remotely through Zoom. The teacher will send the necessary information for this via Google Classroom prior to the lesson. For this situation, some students will be at school in the classroom while your child is watching the lesson through Zoom.

### Show My Homework

Teachers will use Show My Homework only to set homework tasks and parts of coursework they expect students to complete at home. Show My Homework will be used in the same way whether the students are attending school or learning remotely. Teachers will not use Show My Homework to set classwork or upload resources for students to catch up when unable to attend school. Students can still use Show My Homework to communicate with teachers.

## **Engagement and feedback**

### **What are your expectations for my child's engagement and the support that we as parents and carers should provide at home?**

We expect the pupils to be online for at least 5 hours a day, mirroring their standard school day.

Please help your child develop this regular routine and help provide an environment that will be beneficial to their learning.

### **How will you check whether my child is engaging with their work and how will I be informed if there are concerns?**

We are constantly monitoring pupil engagement with our online learning platforms. If a pupil does not log into Google Classroom all week then a message will be sent out to pupils and parents via Show My Homework and our text messaging service. We will also phone home if we are seriously concerned by a pupil's lack of engagement.

### **How will you assess my child's work and progress?**

Feedback can take many forms and may not always mean extensive written comments for individual children. For example, whole-class feedback or quizzes marked automatically via digital platforms are also valid and effective methods, amongst many others. Our approach to feeding back on pupil work is as follows:

The method and the frequency that pupils will receive feedback from their teachers will depend on their year group and subject.

## **Additional support for pupils with particular needs**

### **How will you work with me to help my child who needs additional support from adults at home to access remote education?**

We recognise that some pupils, for example some pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), may not be able to access remote education without support from adults at home. We acknowledge the difficulties this may place on families, and we will work with parents and carers to support those pupils. Parents and carers will be contacted individually about this support. If you have not been contacted yet, you should contact the Academy via e-mail ([Postbox@hamsteadhall.com](mailto:Postbox@hamsteadhall.com)) or if that is not possible phone (0121 386 7510) to let them know of your exact needs.

### **Remote education for self-isolating pupils**

Where individual pupils need to self-isolate but the majority of their peer group remains in school, how remote education is provided will likely differ from the approach for whole groups. This is due to the challenges of teaching pupils both at home and in school.

### **If my child is not in school because they are self-isolating, how will their remote education differ from the approaches described above?**

All classwork is being uploaded to Google Classroom in all subjects, even if all pupils are in school. Pupils self-isolating should be checking this every day.

Some teachers will choose to live stream their lesson on Zoom for self-isolating pupils to view at home. Others will provide narrated PowerPoints for your child to follow as if it were a lesson. Approaches differ, but pupils should always have work to do.

For more information check our remote learning website [www.hamsteadhallremotelearning.com](http://www.hamsteadhallremotelearning.com) and for further support click on the Help page for FAQs, how to guides, videos and a contact form.