Remote Education: Information for Parents

Our approach

At Birch Copse Primary School, we believe that children learn best through regular attendance and face-to-face teaching. Remote education is not an alternative to attending school and will only be considered in exceptional circumstances when a child or group of children cannot attend school but are able to continue learning.

Where remote education is appropriate, we will aim to provide meaningful learning opportunities that help children maintain their learning and remain connected with school.

When might remote education be provided?

Remote education may be considered in circumstances such as:

- A temporary school closure or restriction on attendance where children cannot safely attend school.
- An individual child being unable to attend school for a period because of a medical or other exceptional circumstance, where remote education is considered appropriate.

Remote education will be agreed on an individual basis where appropriate, taking account of the child's circumstances, needs and expected length of absence. It will not normally be provided for short-term illness.

What will remote education look like?

The approach will depend on the circumstances, the length of absence and the age and needs of the children involved.

It may include:

- Learning activities and resources.
- Links to suitable online learning resources.
- Recorded teaching or other instructional materials.
- Activities linked to the curriculum being taught in school.
- Feedback and communication with the class teacher, where appropriate.

The school will aim to provide work that is meaningful, purposeful and appropriate to the child's age and stage of learning. The amount and type of work will reflect the circumstances and the practical arrangements available.

Access to learning

Where children do not have suitable access to a device or the internet, parents should contact the school office so that alternative arrangements can be considered.

For children with SEND or other additional needs, the school will consider what adjustments and support may be needed to help them access remote education.

Communication and support

Parents will be given information about how to access any remote learning provided and who to contact if they have questions or difficulties.

Teachers and school leaders will maintain appropriate communication with families during periods of remote education, taking account of the circumstances and arrangements in place.

Safeguarding

The school's safeguarding and online safety arrangements continue to apply during remote education. Any online learning arrangements will be managed in accordance with the school's safeguarding and acceptable use procedures.

Further information

If you have any questions about remote education, please contact the school office.