



Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you for your patience this week as we prepare ourselves to support our home learners for the next few weeks ahead. The message from the government is clear that children at home are to be well supported and we are pleased to be able to provide a strong home learning approach for the members of our school community.

The national expectations for remote learning by the government is set out for you below, Moorpark's remote offer is explained in detail afterwards. We are proud and excited about being able to exceed the national expectation with the systems we have already been able to develop over the last half term in google classroom. Everyone is still learning rapidly how to make the most of the digital teaching tools, let's continue to help each other in and out of school to make it truly outstanding for our children:

Dfe Jan 2021: When teaching pupils remotely, we expect schools to:

- *set assignments so that pupils have meaningful and ambitious work each day in a number of different subjects*
- *set work that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school, and as a minimum:*
- *primary: 3 hours a day, on average, across the school cohort*
- *secondary: 4 hours a day, with more for pupils working towards formal qualifications this year*
- *provide frequent, clear explanations of new content, delivered by a teacher or through high-quality curriculum resources or videos*
- *have systems for checking, at least weekly, whether pupils are engaging with their work, and inform parents immediately where engagement is a concern*
- *gauge how well pupils are progressing through the curriculum using questions and other suitable tasks, and provide feedback, at least weekly, using digitally facilitated or whole-class feedback where appropriate*
- *enable teachers to adjust the pace or difficulty of what is being taught in response to questions or assessments, including, where necessary, revising material or simplifying explanations to ensure pupils' understanding*

Moorpark Junior School Remote/ home Learning

Home learning (remote) during this lockdown will have more structure and will be teacher led, as the majority of our children are at home. We have planned for this to support you at home as much as possible too.

Our teachers will teach – your role is to encourage your child to be ready, to take part and to celebrate their hard work. We recommend that you follow the structure of the school day (timetable provided), with breaks and lunch and even to keep wearing their school uniform if that helps to maintain normality.

Remote / home learning details

- Beginning on Monday 11th January, all learning will be directed via google classroom.
- Each year group will have access to at least one live lesson per day, and at least two opportunities for live teacher 'drop-ins'. There will be live registration at the start of morning and afternoon sessions, this is to maintain a familiar school structure alongside providing time for vital social interaction and connection with their class.
- A full timetable of activities beginning at 9am until 3pm and all pupils are expected to participate fully in the whole school day (timetable will be shared on all forums for you).
- Please telephone the school office by 9.30am and notify us if your child is ill and unable to attend their remote learning for the day.
- As from Monday, all links to live lessons will be in posted in google classrooms and no longer text out to parents/carers.
- The live teacher drop-ins will be an opportunity for your child to ask for extra guidance on their work or the teacher may invite your child to a session to deliver specific feedback.
- Key worker children in school will access the same provision as the children working from home, under the supervision of the teaching assistant within their class.

Online devices

To participate in an online lesson, children will need access to a device with internet access as the online lessons will be taking place on 'Zoom' (we recommend that this is a tablet or laptop not a mobile phone – please continue to let us know if you need to loan a school device).

Timetable Design – on and off screen – learning and social – equipment packs

The timetable has been devised to ensure there is a mixture of activities that are not all on screen for the whole day. Every child will be provided with a pack of physical equipment to complete independent tasks away from the online device. The pack consists of exercise books for maths and writing, measuring equipment, writing and drawing equipment, whiteboard and pen, class books for y3, y5 & y6 story topics will also be provided, y4 have an online version for this half term. If other specific equipment is needed it will be delivered ready for the following week, for example science or art lessons. School staff have already been busy delivering the main packs out this week, if you haven't received it by Friday morning, then you may have not been in and missed the package – please would you contact the school to collect it.

Live lesson expectations

- **Child's study place for live sessions to be in as quiet a place as possible.**
- **Cameras and microphones will be on unless directed by the teacher.**
- **Follow the 3 bs rules online with the same high level of expectation as in the classroom**
- **Be ready**
- **Be safe**
- **Be kind**
- **Children who are having difficulty following the rules may be removed by the teacher to the waiting room and given a few minutes time to think about improving their behaviour on return to the main lesson. Parents or carers will be contacted after the lesson to discuss how to help your child to improve and manage their behaviour in online learning time.**

- Live lessons will be recorded and posted for access at any time after the lesson, this is to provide further support to go back and revisit the instructions and guidance from the teacher. (children’s video windows will not be in the recording – just the teacher as presenter, sometimes the audio of the discussion and questions taking place may be recorded).
- Parents and carers to keep regular safety checks of online behaviour and access.

School Meals

Any children who are learning from home and who are entitled to a free school meal, so far will be provided with a food voucher as in the previous lockdown. If this changes to hampers we will let you know as soon as possible.

All children attending the in school provision will have the option of a hot lunch or sandwich. Paid as normal via parent pay or via free school meal entitlement. Or families may still choose to provide their own packed lunch.

Key Workers

By now, you should have contacted the school to inform us that you wish to access our key worker provision. Please remember that key workers are those listed only by the government guidelines ([gov.uk critical worker link](https://www.gov.uk/critical-worker-link)). Please be reminded that as we are currently in a state of national lockdown, the safest place for your child to be is at home. Despite knowing the difficulties of working from home, we would encourage parents to keep their child at home wherever possible.

In school children start and end of day time

Year group bubble staggered times and door entrances and exits will all remain the same as during full school opening arrangements.

Year Group	Start Time	End Time
YEAR 3	8:30am	2:40pm
YEAR 4	8:40am	2:50pm
YEAR 5	8:50am	3:00pm
YEAR 6	9:00am	3.10pm

Thanks again for your continued support,

Mrs Peters