

Remote Education Policy for Thorney Island Primary School

1. Statement of School Philosophy

Thorney Island Community Primary School has always strived to be creative, innovative and support our parents/children in the best way possible to make learning purposeful and holistic. Our strategy for remote learning continues this.

2. Aims

This Remote Education Policy aims to:

Ensure consistency in the approach to remote learning for all pupils (Inc. SEND) who aren't in school through use of quality online and offline resources and teaching videos.

Provide clear expectations to members of the school community with regards to delivery of high quality interactive remote learning.

Include continuous delivery of the school curriculum, as well as support of Motivation, Health and Well-Being and Parent support.

Support effective communication between the school and families and support attendance.

3. Who is this policy applicable to?

A child (and their siblings if they are also attending Thorney Island Primary Primary) who is absent because they are awaiting test results and the household is required to self-isolate and the rest of their school bubble are attending school and being taught as normal.

A child's whole bubble is not permitted to attend school because they, or another member of their bubble, have tested positive for Covid-19.

Remote learning will be shared with families when they are absent due to Covid related reasons and not to all at the start of week

4. Content and Tools to Deliver This Remote Education Plan

Resources to deliver this Remote Education Plan may include:

- Online tools for EYFS KS1 and KS2 (*for example, Tapestry and Seesaw*).
- Instructional videos and assemblies.
- Phone calls home
- Printed learning packs
- Physical materials such as story books and writing tools
- Use of BBC Bitesize, Oak Academy, My Maths and White Rose Maths

5. Home and School Partnership

Thorney Island Primary School is committed to working in close partnership with families and recognises each family is unique and because of this remote learning will look different for different families in order to suit their individual needs.

Thorney Island Primary School will provide a refresher online training session and induction for parents on how to use Seesaw/Tapestry as appropriate and where possible, provide personalised resources.

Where possible, it is beneficial for young people to maintain a regular and familiar routine. Thorney Island Primary School would recommend that each 'school day' maintains structure.

We would encourage parents to support their children's work, including finding an appropriate place to work and, to the best of their ability, support pupils with work encouraging them to work with good levels of concentration.

Every effort will be made by staff to ensure that work is set promptly. Should accessing work be an issue, parents should contact school promptly as alternative solutions may be available. These will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

- In line with Thorney Island Primary School's Online Safety Policy we would encourage parents to follow the framework which provides practical steps to support a healthy and balanced digital diet.

All children sign an 'Acceptable Use Policy' at school which includes e-safety rules and this applies when children are working on computers at home.

6. Roles and Responsibilities

Teachers

To note: the suggested responsibilities below relate to where a whole class/bubble is isolating and would be reduced when it is fewer children isolating and the majority of the class are in school.

Thorney Island Primary School will provide a refresher training session and induction for new staff on how to use SeeSaw/ Tapestry.

When providing remote learning, teachers will be available during contracted hours.

If they are unable to work for any reason during this time, for example due to sickness or caring for a dependent, they should report this using the normal absence procedure.

When providing remote learning, teachers are responsible for:

- Setting work:
 - Teachers will set work for the pupils in their classes. This includes those responsible for PPA Cover
 - The work set should follow the usual timetable for the class had they been in school, wherever possible
- Providing feedback on work:
 - All curriculum tasks submitted will be commented upon by the the end of the week.
 - Or As per the marking policy
- Keeping in touch with pupils who aren't in school and their parents:

- If there is a concern around the level of engagement of a pupil/s parents should be contacted via phone to assess whether school intervention can assist engagement.
- All parent/carer emails should come through the school admin account (office@ticps.co.uk) or they can contact class teachers via Tapestry or SeeSaw when remote learning is in operation.
- Any complaints or concerns shared by parents or pupils should be reported to a member of SLT- for any safeguarding concerns, refer immediately to the DSL

Teaching Assistants

Teaching assistants must be available to work contracted hours.

If they are unable to work for any reason during this time, for example due to sickness or caring for a dependent, they should report this using the normal absence procedure.

During the school day, teaching assistant must complete tasks as directed by a member of the SLT or Class Teacher.

Senior Leaders

Alongside any teaching responsibilities, senior leaders are responsible for:

- Co-ordinating the remote learning approach across the school including monitoring of engagement.
- Monitoring the effectiveness of remote learning - explain how they'll do this, such as through regular meetings with teachers and subject leaders, reviewing work set or reaching out for feedback from pupils and parents
- Monitoring the security of remote learning systems, including data protection and safeguarding considerations

Designated Safeguarding Lead

The DSL is responsible for managing and dealing with all safeguarding concerns. For further information, please see the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

IT Technicians

IT technicians are responsible for:

- Fixing issues with systems used to set and collect work
- Helping staff with any technical issues they're experiencing
- Reviewing the security of remote learning systems and flagging any data protection breaches to the data protection officer
- Assisting pupils and parents with accessing the internet or devices

The SENCO

Liaising with the ICT technicians to ensure that the technology used for remote learning is accessible to all pupils and that reasonable adjustments are made where required.

- Ensuring that pupils with EHC plans continue to have their needs met while learning remotely, and liaising with the headteacher and other organisations to make any alternate arrangements for pupils with EHC plans and IHPs
- Identifying the level of support

The SBM

- Ensuring value for money when arranging the procurement of equipment or technology.
- Ensuring that the school has adequate insurance to cover all remote working arrangements.

Pupils and parents

Staff can expect pupils learning remotely to:

- Complete work to the deadline set by teachers
- Seek help if they need it, from teachers
- Alert teachers if they're not able to complete work

Staff can expect parents with children learning remotely to:

- Make the school aware if their child is sick or otherwise can't complete work
- Seek help from the school if they need it
- Be respectful when making any complaints or concerns known to staff

Governing Board

The governing board is responsible for:

- Monitoring the school's approach to providing remote learning to ensure education remains as high quality as possible
- Ensuring that staff are certain that remote learning systems are appropriately secure, for both data protection and safeguarding reasons

7. Links with other Policies

This policy is linked to our:

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Online Safety Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Data Protection Policy and Privacy Notices
- Acceptable Use Policy
- Code of Conduct
- End User Agreements