



Remote education overview

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Remote education provision: information for parents

Dear Parents and Carers of Simon Marks pupils,

This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to pupils and parents or carers about what to expect from remote education where national or local restrictions require entire cohorts (or bubbles) to remain at home. We recognize that remote education is nowhere near the quality of provision your children would get if they were working directly with adults in the classroom. However by working together we will try to make the best out of a very difficult situation.

The remote curriculum: what is taught to pupils at home

At Simon Marks, 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 when we are directed to do so.

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

Where practically possible our pupils will have home learning packs ready to go home with pupils. In the first instance this is to provide basic work until we are ready to go into full remote teaching mode.

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 will offer daily literacy and numeracy lessons to all pupils. These will take part during the morning sessions as they would in school
- There will always be a daily PE lesson, this will be a whole school activity and everyone will be encouraged to take part. It is great for our children to see other members of the school community as well as their class mates.
- We will endeavor to teach the same curriculum themes/ topics remotely as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate. However, we have needed to make some adaptations in some subjects. Families may not always have the practical resources at home say for example when teaching science. We need to be mindful of being as inclusive as possible.
- We will continue with weekly Jewish studies lessons, weekly Ivrit lessons and weekly music lessons, delivered by the relevant teachers.

Remote teaching and study time each day

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

We expect all pupils to join us for registration every morning. The day's work and timetable will be discussed during this time. This is also a time to answer any questions related to the previous day's work. If your child does not attend registration you may receive a call from school. We just want to make sure you are all ok and are able to access remote learning.

Pupils will have between 3-5 live streamed remote learning sessions a day. This will set them off to complete tasks in their home learning packs.

In addition pupils will be directed to other pre-recorded sessions set up for the day.

Accessing remote education

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

All parents will have 'dojo' logins and 'zoom' logins have been set up for all pupils.

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

We recognize that some pupils may not have suitable online access at home. We take the following approaches to support those pupils to access remote education:

- Home learning packs are designed to be accessible without remote learning so parents are able to support their child without this if needed.
- We have a small bank of DFE laptops which we are able to loan families in need of devices

Engagement and feedback

What are our expectations for your child's engagement and the support that parents and carers should provide at home?

- We ask that you do as much as you can to support your child with their work
- Teachers will provide the teaching and learning opportunities your child will need in order to complete a task, you need to be around every so often to answer any questions they may have and encourage them to complete tasks

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

- Daily sessions allow for teachers to gauge where pupils are with the tasks set and answer any questions
- Both parents and pupils can post questions to teachers through the dojo system and staff will respond as soon as they are able to

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

- Returned home learning packs will be marked and each pupil will receive feedback
- There will be pupil consultation sessions organized so pupils can talk directly to their teacher about their work or anything else that is on their mind
- Parent consultations will also be organized