



Ide Primary School

Pupil Remote Learning Policy

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Statement of intent

At Ide Primary School, we understand the need to continually deliver high quality education, including during periods of remote learning – whether for an individual pupil or many. We recognise the importance of maintaining high expectations in all areas of school life and ensuring that all pupils have access to the learning resources and support they need to succeed.

Through the implementation of this policy, we aim to address the key concerns associated with remote learning, such as online safety, access to educational resources, data protection, and safeguarding.

This policy aims to:

- Minimise the disruption to pupils' education and the delivery of the curriculum.
- Ensure provision is in place so that all pupils have access to high quality learning resources.
- Protect pupils from the risks associated with using devices connected to the internet.
- Ensure staff, parent, and pupil data remains secure and is not lost or misused.
- Ensure robust safeguarding measures continue to be in effect during the period of remote learning.
- Ensure all pupils have the provision they need to complete their work to the best of their ability, and to remain happy, healthy, and supported during periods of remote learning.

1. Legal framework

1.1. This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Equality Act 2010
- Education Act 2004
- The UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)
- Data Protection Act 2018

1.2. This policy has due regard to national guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- DfE (2021) 'Keeping children safe in education'
- DfE (2019) 'School attendance'
- DfE (2018) 'Health and safety: responsibilities and duties for schools'
- DfE (2018) 'Health and safety for school children'
- DfE (2017) 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years'
- DfE (2016) 'Children missing education'
- DfE (2020) 'Help with accessing and buying resources for remote education'
- DfE (2020) 'Get help with remote education'

1.3. This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Online Safety Policy
- Attendance and Absence Policy
- ICT Acceptable Use Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Data Breach Policy
- Children Missing Education Policy

2. Roles and responsibilities

2.1. The governing board is responsible for:

- Ensuring that the school has robust risk management procedures in place.
- Ensuring that the school has a business continuity plan in place, where required.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of the school's remote learning arrangements.

2.2. The headteacher is responsible for:

- Ensuring that staff, parents and pupils adhere to the relevant policies at all times.
- Ensuring that there are arrangements in place for identifying, evaluating, and managing the risks associated with remote learning.
- Ensuring that there are arrangements in place for monitoring incidents associated with remote learning.
- Overseeing that the school has the resources necessary to action the procedures in this policy.
- Reviewing the effectiveness of this policy on an annual basis and communicating any changes to staff, parents, and pupils.
- Arranging any additional training staff may require to support pupils during the period of remote learning.
- Conducting reviews on a weekly basis of the remote learning arrangements to ensure pupils' education does not suffer.

2.3. The health and safety officer (headteacher) is responsible for:

- Ensuring that the relevant health and safety risk assessments are carried out within the agreed timeframes.
- Putting procedures and safe systems of learning into practice, which are designed to eliminate or reduce the risks associated with remote learning.
- Ensuring that pupils identified as being at risk are provided with necessary information and instruction, as required.
- Managing the effectiveness of health and safety measures through a robust system of reporting, investigating, and recording incidents.

2.4. The IT provider is responsible for:

- Overseeing that all school-owned electronic devices used for remote learning have adequate anti-virus software and malware protection.
- Ensuring all staff, parents, and pupils are aware of the data protection principles outlined in the UK GDPR.
- Ensuring that all computer programs used for remote learning are compliant with the UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.
- Overseeing that any ICT equipment used for remote learning is resilient and can efficiently recover lost data.
- Ensuring that all school-owned devices used for remote learning have suitable anti-virus software installed, have a secure connection, can recover lost work, and allow for audio and visual material to be recorded, where required.
- Ensuring that any programs or networks used for remote learning can effectively support a large number of users at one time, where required, e.g. undertaking 'stress' testing.

- Ensuring that the equipment and technology used for learning remotely is accessible to all pupils and staff.

2.5. The DSL (headteacher) is responsible for:

- Attending and arranging, where necessary, any safeguarding meetings that occur during the remote learning period.
- Liaising with the ICT technicians to ensure that all technology used for remote learning is suitable for its purpose and will protect pupils online.
- Identifying vulnerable pupils who may be at risk if they are learning remotely.
- Ensuring that child protection plans are enforced while the pupil is learning remotely and liaising with other organisations to make alternate arrangements for pupils who are at a high risk, where required.
- Identifying the level of support or intervention required while pupils learn remotely and ensuring appropriate measures are in place.
- Liaising with relevant individuals to ensure vulnerable pupils receive the support required during the period of remote working Ensuring all safeguarding incidents are adequately recorded and reported.

2.6. The SENDCO is responsible for:

- 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 or intervention that is required while pupils with SEND learn remotely.
- Ensuring that the provision put in place for pupils with SEND is monitored for effectiveness throughout the duration of the remote learning period.

2.7. The CFO is responsible for:

- Arranging the procurement of any equipment or technology required for staff to teach remotely and for pupils to learn from home.
- 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.

2.8. Staff members are responsible for:

- Adhering to this policy at all times during periods of remote learning.
- Reporting any health and safety incidents to the health and safety officer (headteacher) and asking for guidance as appropriate.

- Reporting any safeguarding incidents to the DSL (headteacher) and asking for guidance as appropriate.
- Taking part in any training conducted to meet the requirements of this policy, including training on how to use the necessary electronic equipment and software.
- Reporting any dangers or potential dangers they identify, as well as any concerns they may have about remote learning, to the headteacher.
- Reporting any defects on school-owned equipment used for remote learning to an ICT technician, via the headteacher or administrator.
- Adhering to the Staff Code of Conduct at all times.

2.9. Parents are responsible for:

- Adhering to this policy at all times during periods of remote learning.
- Wherever possible, ensuring that their child is available to learn remotely, and that the schoolwork set is completed on time and to the best of their child's ability.
- Reporting any technical issues to the school as soon as possible.
- Wherever possible, ensuring that their child always has access to remote learning material for the minimum time periods set out in paragraph 9.
- Reporting any absence in line with the terms set out in paragraph [9.6](#).
- Ensuring their child uses the equipment and technology used for remote learning as intended.

2.10. Pupils are encouraged to (relevant to age of pupil):

- Ensure they are available to learn remotely, and that their schoolwork is completed on time and to the best of their ability.
- Report any technical issues to their parent or teacher as soon as possible.
- Notify a responsible adult if they are feeling unwell or are unable to complete the schoolwork they have been set.
- Ensure they use any equipment and technology for remote learning as intended.
- Send messages to their class teacher via Seesaw to request help with work if needed.

3. Resources

Learning materials

- 3.1. The school will make use of a range of different teaching methods during remote learning to help explain concepts and address misconceptions easily. For the purpose of providing remote learning, the school may make use of:

- Live lessons and assemblies
- Pre-recorded lessons and assemblies
- Setting of practical, physical and creative tasks
- Past and mock test papers or quizzes
- Educational websites
- Reading tasks
- Work booklets

- 3.2. The school will review the DfE's [guidance](#) on where schools can source educational resources to assist with the delivery of remote education, and utilise these as appropriate.
- 3.3. Teachers will review the DfE's list of [online education resources](#) and utilise these tools as necessary, in addition to existing resources.
- 3.4. Reasonable adjustments will be made to ensure that all pupils have access to the resources needed for effective remote learning.
- 3.5. Teachers will ensure the programmes chosen for online learning have a range of accessibility features, to support pupils with SEND.
- 3.6. The school recognises that interactive lessons are most effective in aiding pupils' motivation and academic progression and, to this effect, teachers will ensure they recreate aspects of in-person interactivity frequently.
- 3.7. Lesson plans will be adapted to ensure that the curriculum remains fully accessible and inclusive via remote learning.
- 3.8. The school will review the resources pupils have access to and adapt learning to account for all pupils needs by using a range of different formats, e.g. providing work on PDFs which can easily be printed from a mobile device.
- 3.9. Work packs will be made available for pupils who do not have access to a printer – these packs can be collected from school.
- 3.10. Teaching staff will liaise with the SENDCO and other relevant members of staff to ensure all pupils remain fully supported for the duration of the remote learning period.
- 3.11. The SENDCO will arrange additional support for pupils with SEND which will be unique to the individual's needs, e.g. via weekly phone calls.
- 3.12. Any issues with remote learning resources will be reported as soon as possible to the relevant member of staff.

- 3.13. Pupils will be required to use their own or family-owned equipment to access remote learning resources, unless the school agrees to provide or loan equipment, e.g. laptops.
- 3.14. For pupils who cannot access digital devices at home, the school will, where possible, apply for technology support from other sources.
- 3.15. Pupils and parents will be required to maintain the upkeep of any equipment they use to access remote learning resources.
- 3.16. Teaching staff will oversee academic progression for the duration of the remote learning period and will provide feedback on work in line with [section 7](#) of this policy.
- 3.17. The arrangements for any 'live' classes will be communicated via email no later than one day before the allotted time and kept to a reasonable length of no more than one hour per session.

Food provision

- 3.18. The school will signpost parents towards additional support for ensuring their children continue to receive the food they need, e.g. food banks.
- 3.19. Where applicable, the school will provide the following provision for pupils who receive FSM:
 - Making food hampers available for delivery or collection/or
 - Providing vouchers to families

Costs and expenses

- 3.20. The school will not contribute to any household expenses incurred while pupils learn remotely, e.g. heating, lighting, or council tax.
- 3.21. The school will not reimburse any costs for travel between pupils' homes and the school premises.
- 3.22. The school will not reimburse any costs for childcare.
- 3.23. If a pupil is provided with school-owned equipment, the pupil and their parent will sign and adhere to the Technology Acceptable Use Agreement prior to commencing remote learning.

4. Online safety

- 4.1. This section of the policy will be enacted in conjunction with the school's Online Safety Policy.

- 4.2. Where possible, all interactions will be textual and public.
- 4.3. All staff and pupils using video communication must:
- Communicate in groups – one-to-one sessions are not permitted.
 - Wear suitable clothing – this includes others in their household.
 - Be situated in a suitable ‘public’ living area within the home with an appropriate background – ‘private’ living areas within the home, such as bedrooms, are not permitted during video communication.
 - Use appropriate language – this includes others in their household.
 - Maintain the standard of behaviour expected in school.
 - Use the necessary equipment and computer programs as intended.
 - Not record, store, or distribute video material without permission.
 - Ensure they have a stable connection to avoid disruption to lessons.
 - Always remain aware that they are visible.
- 4.4. All staff and pupils using audio communication must:
- Use appropriate language – this includes others in their household.
 - Maintain the standard of behaviour expected in school.
 - Use the necessary equipment and computer programs as intended.
 - Not record, store, or distribute audio material without permission.
 - Ensure they have a stable connection to avoid disruption to lessons.
 - Always remain aware that they can be heard.
- 4.5. The school will consider whether one-to-one sessions are appropriate in some circumstances, e.g. to provide support for pupils with SEND. This will be decided and approved by the SLT, in collaboration with the SENDCO.
- 4.6. Pupils must only use devices or software for the educational purpose intended.
- 4.7. The school will ensure that all school-owned equipment and technology used for remote learning has suitable anti-virus software installed and can establish secure connections.
- 4.8. Parents are advised to take precautionary measures if their child is learning remotely using their own/family-owned equipment and technology, e.g. ensuring that their internet connection is secure and that suitable filters are in place, especially if children are working unsupervised.
- 4.9. During the period of remote learning, the school will maintain regular contact with parents to:
- Reinforce the importance of children staying safe online.
 - Ensure parents are aware of what their children are being asked to do, e.g. sites they have been asked to use and staff they will interact with.

- Encourage them to set age-appropriate parental controls on devices and internet filters to block malicious websites.
 - Direct parents to useful resources to help them keep their children safe online.
- 4.10. The school will not be responsible for providing access to the internet off the school premises and will not be responsible for providing online safety software, e.g. anti-virus software, on devices not owned by the school.

5. Safeguarding

- 5.1. This section of the policy will be enacted in conjunction with the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.
- 5.2. The DSL and headteacher will identify 'vulnerable' pupils (pupils who are deemed to be vulnerable or are at risk of harm) via risk assessment prior to the period of remote learning.
- 5.3. The DSL will arrange for regular contact to be made with vulnerable pupils, prior to the period of remote learning.
- 5.4. Phone calls made to vulnerable pupils will be made using school phones where possible.
- 5.5. The DSL will arrange for regular contact with vulnerable pupils once per week at minimum, with additional contact, including home visits, arranged where required.
- 5.6. All contact with vulnerable pupils will be recorded on CPOMs.
- 5.7. The DSL will keep in contact with vulnerable pupils' social workers or other care professionals during the period of remote working, as required.
- 5.8. All home visits will:
- Have at least one suitably trained individual present.
 - Be undertaken by no fewer than two members of staff.
 - Be suitably recorded on CPOMs so that the DSL has access to them.
 - Actively involve the pupil.
- 5.9. Vulnerable pupils will be provided with a means of contacting the DSL, their deputy, or any other relevant member of staff – this arrangement will be set up by the DSL prior to the period of remote learning.
- 5.10. The DSL will meet (in person or remotely) with the relevant members of staff once per week to discuss new and current safeguarding arrangements for vulnerable pupils learning remotely.

- 5.11. All members of staff will report any safeguarding concerns to the DSL immediately.
- 5.12. Pupils and their parents will be encouraged to contact the DSL if they wish to report safeguarding concerns, e.g. regarding harmful or upsetting content or incidents of online bullying. The school will also signpost families to the practical support that is available for reporting these concerns.

6. Data protection

- 6.1. This section of the policy will be enacted in conjunction with the school's Data Protection Policy.
- 6.2. Staff members will be responsible for adhering to the UK GDPR when teaching remotely and will ensure the confidentiality and integrity of their devices at all times.
- 6.3. Sensitive data will only be transferred between devices if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of remote learning and teaching.
- 6.4. Any data that is transferred between devices will be suitably encrypted or have other data protection measures in place so that if the data is lost, stolen, or subject to unauthorised access, it remains safe until recovered.
- 6.5. Parents' and pupils' up-to-date contact details will be collected prior to the period of remote learning.
- 6.6. All contact details will be stored in line with the Data Protection Policy and retained in line with the Retention of Data Policy.
- 6.7. The school will not permit paper copies of contact details to be taken off the school premises.
- 6.8. Pupils are not permitted to let their family members or friends use any school-owned equipment which contains personal data.
- 6.9. Any breach of confidentiality will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Data Breach Policy.
- 6.10. Any intentional breach of confidentiality will be dealt with in accordance with the school's policies.

7. Feedback

- 7.1. During periods of remote learning, a large number of tasks may be set, some of which require more feedback than others. All work will be acknowledged by the teacher or other adult. More detailed feedback including next steps for

improvement will be provided on a daily basis for pupils where relevant for key learning tasks.

- 7.2. The school expects pupils and staff to maintain a good work ethic during the period of remote learning.
- 7.3. If children are not completing the set work, staff will initially send an informal message to the pupil via Seesaw to offer support– if needed teaching staff will then contact parents if their child is not completing their schoolwork or their standard of work has noticeably decreased.
- 7.4. Teaching staff will monitor the academic progress of pupils with and without access to the online learning resources and discuss additional support or provision with the headteacher as soon as possible.
- 7.5. Teaching staff will monitor the academic progress of pupils with SEND and discuss additional support or provision with the SENDCO as soon as possible.
- 7.6. The school will log participation and pupil engagement with remote education, as well as motivation levels and progress, and any concerns will be discussed with parents/carers.
- 7.7. The school will consider ways to use feedback to secure consistent engagement with remote material, e.g. introducing a newsletter sent to parents and pupils which displays exemplary work and rewards engagement or outcomes.

8. Health and safety

- 8.1. This section of the policy will be enacted in conjunction with the school's Health and Safety Policy.
- 8.2. If using electronic devices during remote learning, pupils will be encouraged to take a five-minute screen break every two hours.
- 8.3. Screen break frequency will be adjusted to five minutes every hour for younger pupils or pupils with medical conditions who require more frequent screen breaks.
- 8.4. If any incidents or near-misses occur in a pupil's home, they or their parents are required to report these to the health and safety officer or other relevant member of staff immediately so that appropriate action can be taken.

9. School day and absence

- 9.1. Pupils are expected to complete school work for the periods recommended by the DFE of a minimum of 3 hours for reception and KS1 and 4 hours for KS2.

This should be as much as possible during the normal times of the school day. Breaks should be taken during this time, as they would be in school.

- 9.2. Pupils with SEND or additional medical conditions who require more regular breaks, e.g. sensory breaks, are not expected to do schoolwork during their breaks.
- 9.3. Pupils who are unwell are not expected to be present for remote learning until they are well enough to do so.
- 9.4. Parents will inform their child's teacher no later than 8:30am if their child is unwell and will not be taking part in remote learning on that day.
- 9.5. The school will monitor absence and lateness in line with the Attendance and Absence Policy.

10. Communication

- 10.1. The school will ensure adequate channels of communication are arranged in the event of an emergency.
- 10.2. The school will communicate with parents about remote learning arrangements.
- 10.3. The headteacher will communicate with staff about any remote learning arrangements.
- 10.4. The school understands that pupils learning remotely have the right to privacy out-of-hours and should be able to separate their school and home lives – communication is only permitted during school hours.
- 10.5. Members of staff will have contact with their line manager once per week.
- 10.6. As much as possible, all communication with pupils and their parents will take place within normal school hours.
- 10.7. Parents and pupils will inform the relevant member of staff as soon as possible if schoolwork cannot be completed.
- 10.8. Issues with remote learning or data protection will be communicated to the pupils' teacher as soon as possible so they can investigate and resolve the issue.
- 10.9. The pupils' teacher will keep parents and pupils informed of any changes to the remote learning arrangements or the schoolwork set.

11. Monitoring and review

- 11.1. This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the headteacher.

- 11.2. Any changes to this policy will be communicated to all members of staff and other stakeholders

