



Riverside Primary Academy

Remote learning plan for parents and children:

When children are sent home to self-isolate or for any other reason, they are absent from school and need to work from home, we have some guidance we would like to offer our families. Firstly, we realise that this is a deeply challenging time for family members because the likelihood is, that those family members might need to continue to work themselves. It is a highly challenging time for our staff also, because we expect that they will provide appropriate work to engage their children and to do it in a way that works well through our online services.

Teaching staff have the responsibility to provide the curriculum resources to enable pupils to learn and we ask parents to ensure that the learning at home takes place. Without your support in this matter, we realise that your child's learning and wellbeing may well suffer greatly. Therefore, we are asking for a partnership approach, between us all.

Our guidance and advice for parents are as follows:

- Take the time to set up a routine with your child. Talk through a daily routine with them. Understanding the changes in the way they learn is an important process for children and we rely on you greatly to help us manage their expectations and understanding.
- Try to maintain normal routines as much as possible, and definitely have time for movement and exercise.
- Help them be prepared. Where do they want to do their work? Do they have the materials they need? Walk through instructions with them.
- Please take the time to monitor communications from your children's teachers. Communications may come through 2Email on Purple Mash to parents, or via text messaging service, or phone call from school.
- Remember to be flexible and resilient as needed and do what works for your individual child, or children and circumstances.
- Build in breaks and exercise. Remember that during "normal" school hours, they have break, lunch, and on certain days PE. Make sure they have time to get outside and move!
- Support them emotionally. Children are very perceptive and notice how their parents are feeling. While it may be a difficult time, modelling calm and establishing a new normal can go a long way to supporting your child.
- Monitor how much time your child is spending online. Riverside Primary Academy does not want its students staring at computer screens for 7-8 hours a day. Staff will periodically check in with you to assess what you are seeing at home and what we need to adjust.
- Set rules around their online interactions: Students may connect online and that will be a helpful way to remain connected with their friends. However, any school utilised



platforms that are used inappropriately will be turned off for that student as a consequence. Also, older students may have access to other social media or platforms unrelated to school. We ask that parents monitor their children's use, and remind them to be respectful and kind. As a school, we are advised to monitor TikTok in particular.

Parents' contact with school:

If any parent or carer needs to contact school staff, they would firstly get in touch with teaching staff through Purple Mash, 2Email system, where the teacher or staff will reply directly to them.

If that is then not possible, please contact the office staff through the school telephone: 0191 460 1918, or send your enquiry to info@riversideprimaryacademy.org.uk and the office staff will get in touch with the relevant school staff to support you.

Technology:

If you require any support with technology for online remote learning, please contact the school office, as we have resources to support families in these situations.

Children's responsibility:

- Establish daily routines for engaging in the learning experiences and an appropriately timed start to the learning session.
- Identify a comfortable, quiet space in your home where you can work effectively and successfully
- Regularly monitor to check for announcements and feedback from your teachers on Purple Mash, 2Email.
- Complete work and set tasks, doing your best work.
- Do your best to complete work as directed by the teacher.
- Communicate proactively with your teachers if you need help.
- Be respectful when using online platforms.