

Northgate School Remote education

Information for parents/ carers



Remote education provision: information for parents

This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to students and parents/ carers about what to expect from remote education where national or local restrictions require entire cohorts (or bubbles) to remain at home.

For details of what to expect where individual students are self-isolating, please see the final section of this page.

The remote curriculum: what is taught to students at home

- Students working remotely will be taught the same curriculum as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate. There may be some adaptations in some subjects. For example, science investigations, and some specialised enrichment and PE lessons.
- At Northgate School work set for students working remotely will be highly personalised to meet their individual needs. In the event of school closure all parents/ carers will be contacted to discuss what this will look like for their child.
- Students will be set work in English, Maths, Science, ICT, PSHE along with enrichment. Where students have taken their options, work will also be set for these subjects.
- It is only in exceptional circumstances that Northgate School will be closed to all students.

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

- All young people attending Northgate School will already have access to Google Classroom and Gsuite. In the first instance instructions will be communicated to students via this platform.
- If a student needs to have their password reset or any issues with accessing their login, they need to contact Anna via email Anna@northgate.barnet.sch.uk

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 that remote education (including remote teaching and independent work) will take pupils broadly the following number of hours each day: 4 - 5

Key Stage 3 and 4	Each student should be encouraged to engage in five hours work per day. This would include a combination of online activities including. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● PowerPoints and tasks/ activities to complete individually.● MathsWatch videos and tasks● Seneca learning● Google quizzes● Oak National Academy resources● Audio books related to core texts for English● Text books/ reading materials which students have at home● Prerecorded videos from staff
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Accessing remote education

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

At Northgate our students regularly use Google Classroom and MathsWatch. As a result, they should already be familiar with how these platforms operate.

Each student has their own login and password where they will be able to access lesson materials, assignments and activities. Contact Anna via email if students have challenges in logging in. Anna@northgate.barnet.sch.uk

We also use Seneca to enrich our online learning and some Seneca tasks will be set in addition to activities on Gsuite.

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

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

- If a young person does not have access to a laptop for use at home, please contact Office@Northgate.barnet.sch.uk
- Any queries regarding internet access should also be addressed to Anna at Anna@Northgate.barnet.sch.uk
- If a student would benefit from printed copies of the resources these can be provided.

Engagement and feedback

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

- If a student is working remotely, for example during a period of self-isolation we would expect parents/ carers to encourage a regular routine to support their child's education.
- The expectation is that students begin online learning at 10am every day and log onto Google Classroom to access instructions.
- Staff are available online to respond to queries between 10am - 12pm in the morning and 12:30pm and 2:30pm in the afternoon.

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

- In the event of a school closure parents/ students will be contacted daily.
- If a student has to self-isolate work will be set for the young person and monitored in school. Staff will contact parents/ carers if they have any concerns.

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

Feedback can take many forms and may not always mean extensive written comments for individual children. For example, whole-class feedback or quizzes marked automatically via digital platforms are also valid and effective methods, amongst many others. Our approach to feeding back on student work is as follows:

- Teacher comments on work produced on Google Docs
- Feedback on Google Forms and quizzes
- Work produced on platforms such as MathsWatch and Seneca is automatically marked

Additional support for students with particular needs

How will you work with me to help my child who needs additional support from adults at home to access remote education?

We recognise that some students, for example some students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), may not be able to access remote education without support from adults at home. We acknowledge the difficulties this may place on families, and we will work with parents and carers to support those students in the following ways:

- At Northgate staff will communicate with parents about the best way to support each individual student.
- For any additional questions please contact Angela (SENDCO) via email Angela@northgate.barnet.sch.uk

Remote education for self-isolating students

At Northgate we are open to all students except in exceptional circumstances. Where individual students need to self-isolate, but the majority of their peer group remains in school, how remote education is provided will likely differ from the approach for whole groups. This is due to the challenges of teaching pupils both at home and in school.

If my child is not in school because they are self-isolating, how will their remote education differ from the approaches described above?

- In the event of a student needing to self-isolate, work will be available for students to complete via MathsWatch and Google Classroom.
- A member of Northgate staff will contact parents/ carers to discuss the needs of the individual student.