

Wednesfield Academy Remote Education Guidance



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In accordance with the updated DFE guidance in March 2024 Wednesfield Academy will consider how education is to continue in the following scenarios:

- School closures or restrictions on attendance, where school access for pupils is restricted
- Individual cases where a pupil is unable to attend school but is able to learn

In response to government guidance we have:

- Departments have updated their long-term plans to ensure all essential content is covered by the curriculum and recovery of missed content is in place throughout schemes of learning (return to usual curriculum by Summer 2021 in line with Government guidance)
- Assessment plans have been adapted to ensure that all content and skills covered during school closure are assessed within the initial term. They have also been updated to match the revised long-term plans.
- KS4 and KS5 exams are in the calendar and fit in line with specifications level of assessment
- Compulsory Period 6 interventions are in place for selected Year 11 pupils and attendance to these sessions is already strong.
- BTEC intervention is also well underway.
- Directors of Learning have each had a Data and Curriculum Review meeting which included a discussion of Ofqual guidance, plans for recovery and implications for long term planning and assessment.
- Whole staff teaching and learning guidance was issued before the end of the Summer Term to ensure that we fully comply with the Government guidance for the full reopening of schools.
- Learning walks are currently taking place for all staff.

Remote Learning Procedure:

At Wednesfield Academy we fully comply with the legislation in relation to remote education in the event of a school closure. We had already developed process that complies fully with this new legislation and ensures that Wednesfield Academy is offering a wide and balanced curriculum to pupils.

In the event that your pupil is unable to attend school, due to their household self-isolating or awaiting test results (Wednesfield Academy, in line with Matrix Academy Trust policy, does not require pupils to self-isolate for Covid-19):

- Pupils identified as self-isolating by House PA in first day phone call/ absence call. House PA will request estimated length of absence.
- Pupils will receive work, in line with classroom taught curriculum, through their school email account from subject teachers within one day. This will be for the anticipated length of absence and will be monitored by Directors of Learning.
- House PA keeps track of all work set referring any concerns to V Hayward. This forms the 'Remote Education Plan' for that pupil in line with Government Guidance.
- A courtesy message via WeDuc confirming work has been emailed will be sent to the parent account.
- Where absence is longer than the original anticipated length, House PA will request further work.
- Engagement is tracked through follow up phone call made by House PA/ Head of House.

In the event of either a year group or whole school closure the following sets out how Wednesfield Academy will provide education for each pupil:

- We anticipate delivering the full curriculum as set out on our website across all year groups. This means pupils will be expected to complete the same timetable as they would in school.
- Live teaching sessions for all pupils using Microsoft TEAMS (made available from their school account) in line with their regular timetabled lessons.
- "Using TEAMS" guides have been made available on school website.
- Live teaching sessions (teacher explanation) will last for between 30 minutes to the full hour at the discretion of the teacher with activities provided to be completed during the rest of the lesson and homework as appropriate.

- Double periods (lasting two hours) will have a minimum of 60 minutes face to face contact distributed at the teacher's discretion.
 - Activities will be provided using Microsoft TEAMS and school Outlook email accounts in line with live teaching sessions. This will include the provision of homework as per the homework timetable and will be set on ClassCharts as is the school's usual procedure.
 - Additional online learning platforms may be utilised in order to deliver some work to pupils. The login details for each of these will be shared with pupils in advance.
 - Pupils will receive feedback through the live sessions and in line with the school's assessment policy.
 - Where pupils are unable to access our remote learning, alternative provision will be arranged. An IT audit has already been conducted to ensure that we have some prior understanding of cohort needs.
 - SEND provision will be made available by SENDCO and team through small group and one to one TA sessions.
 - In the unlikely event that we are unable to conduct TEAMS lessons, work will be provided via the school email with detailed instructions.
- The most recent guidance update for 'Remote Education' was on 2nd October 2020 where it became statutory for schools to ensure remote learning was possible in the event of school closure.

The process described above, in addition to guidance sent to staff and parents, ensures that Wednesfield Academy are responding to all the requirements set out in this guidance. In addition we have updated our behaviour policy to include our expectations in the event of remote learning.

We expect that pupils will:

- Follow their usual timetable by attending and engaging with Microsoft TEAMS lessons. Pupils will be invited to these lessons through their school email account.

Terms and conditions of using TEAMS are:

- Cameras and microphones are switched off/ muted
- Appropriate language and input is used within class messaging
- Hand up icons are used to raise any queries with teachers
- Students attend 5 minutes before the lesson begins
- Follow the same behaviour expectations for an online session as a lesson in school
- Complete and submit work from these sessions, or paper based, to the deadline set
- Seek help if they need it, from Heads of House or class teachers
- Alert the class teachers if they're not able to complete work

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