

The Warriner Multi Academy Trust

Remote learning plans



September 2020

Dear Parent, Carer or Guardian

Re: Post Covid-19 remote learning if further partial or full school closures occur

It has been so lovely to welcome our children back into schools after such a long time away for many. It is really clear that you have all done an amazing job providing home learning over recent months and you should all be really proud of yourselves.

At the end of last term we had feedback from a sample of schools on the challenges that we have all faced with a view to how we can improve. Thank you for your supportive comments – they are very much appreciated. What has been very clear from both your feedback and that from our staff is that we have learnt a huge amount about the mechanics of delivering virtual lessons. Many of our staff were juggling having just one computer that they were sharing with a partner and their own children. Not being allowed to have additional staff on school sites meant that staff were not able to deliver virtual lessons from their classrooms.

All the guidance from the government is that it is highly unlikely that we will return to such severe restrictions again. We do, however, have to prepare for the possibility of some reduction in school opening as we move through the winter months.

As an academy, we have been working to provide all of our staff with the ICT that they need to deliver the following to all of our children:

- Provide virtual lessons where appropriate
- Record these lessons so that children and parents can access them at a time that is convenient for them
- Provide virtual class / year group assemblies
- Where appropriate, share online copies of children's work for their peers to access
- Continue to make use of the outstanding online teaching resources in their planning (BBC Bitesize, Oak Academy, White Rose, GCSE Pod etc.)
- Where appropriate, provide masterclasses for parents to help support their children at home. Where possible, these will be produced centrally and shared between all of our schools
- Provide virtual / recorded lessons from other Trust schools if there are local lockdowns or local staff shortages due to illness
- Provide meaningful, high quality and timely feedback to children as appropriate
- Seek to provide you with feedback on your child's progress via reports, phone calls or virtually
- Where appropriate, provide you with teaching plans to support home learning (this is more applicable to younger years in primary schools)

Please do be mindful, however, that provision will be subject to the ever changing situation that we might all find ourselves in. But, whatever the circumstances, the staff in all of our schools will work together to provide the highest quality of teaching and learning possible. This will have at its heart effective and appropriate use of ICT. We are all very aware that what our children valued most last term was virtual face to face contact with their teachers.

Your feedback also made it clear that, just as has been the case for many of our staff, you too have struggled to provide sufficient ICT for your children to use effectively. We hope to make use of some of the promised catch up funding to support our families where they do not have appropriate devices or internet access. If this applies to you, would you please talk to your Headteacher and we will seek to support you.

Once again, may I thank you for your ongoing support and I hope that you all continue to remain well.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Annabel Kay
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