

Penshurst

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Dear Parents/Carers

Remote Learning

As you will be aware, due to increased infection rates of Covid 19, schools in the local area are closed for the first two weeks of the Spring Term.

Since the announcement on Wednesday 29th December, we have been working hard to put in place our remote learning offer for this time. This will be slightly different from our remote learning offer in the previous lockdown.

During this period of school closure, we will provide pupils with a menu of activities with some online teaching/learning support. The provision will review and build on prior learning. We are also offering pupils the opportunity to work with their teacher and peers via allocated times for Zoom call interaction. The aim is to provide pupils with direct instruction/teaching as well as the opportunity to ask questions and share their learning.

On our website you will find a page called 'remote learning'. When you have navigated your way to this page you will find a range of documents. The top of the page contains copies of key documents with information in relation to our remote learning provision.

As you scroll down the page there is further information relating to online safety :

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You may also find additional learning information on your child's class page.

Please also check One Drive folders for uploaded work.

Remote

For the weeks beginning 4th January and 11th January 2021 the school will be closed to most pupils. For the time that school is closed we are offering our pupils a range of activities and zoom support as our remote learning offer.

Remote Learning at Penshurst CE Primary School

Remote learning will not necessarily lend itself to being replicated at home. We have to think differently about the way our children will learn through remote learning. We do not wish to promote children sitting at a computer all day watching their teacher, or peers – children need to be communicating, using authentic learning experiences and taking time to be physically active. Teachers will think creatively about how they plan and teach lessons and how these will be adapted to include learning at home. We will implement different approaches depending of the time a child may be absent from school.

Below you can access an overview of learning that covers the school closure for the beginning of Term 3. We have also included a timetable that will support you to plan your day around any Zoom lessons and other elements of the school curriculum. Our aim, if it is possible, is to follow the curriculum offer we have when pupils are in school.

The Government have created guidelines for schools in terms of remote learning the document 'Penshurst Approach' sets out how we meet those guidelines in our offer to pupils and parents.

The purpose of these documents is to provide you with an overview and information to support you. Please see information below that is linked to your child's class.

Online Safety Information and Advice



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useful information for parents and children for working safely online during remote learning.

Keeping Safe Online - this documents provide parents with useful information about keeping children safe online

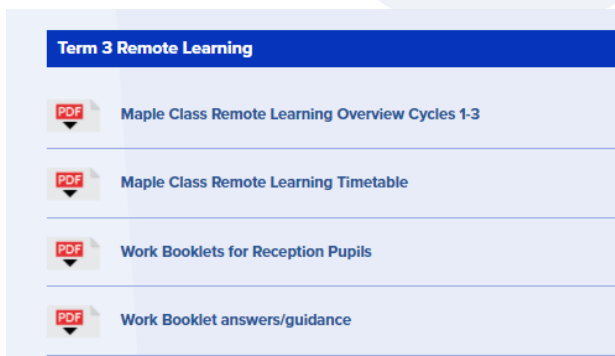


Kent County Council Information Leaflet



Further down the page you will find a section for class documents; in each class section you will find:

- a remote learning overview – this details activities, videos and work that children can do independently or following a Zoom session with their teacher and peers.
- a remote learning timetable – this gives a guide to structuring the day and also outlines when the class teacher will be leading a Zoom learning session.
- a booklet from Classroom Secrets for each year group – this provides activities for pupils to complete that are not screen based.
- an answer and guidance booklet linked to the above. This gives additional information for each activity and the answers if required.



In the survey – sent to all parents in November 2020 – some parents outlined the challenges they may face with remote learning. The activities, timetable and Zoom calls are intended to support you and your child. You will need to work them around your particular circumstances, work commitments etc; do what works best for you, your family within the circumstances you find yourselves in. The intention is not to add pressure, the teaching team are here to help and to support your child/children to continue to learn or practise skills while they cannot attend school. Pupils should continue to read regularly and use the online resources available such as Times Table Rockstars, Bug Club and My Maths; links for these are also on the remote learning page.

All teachers will offer a start of the day Zoom meeting to set the day's expectations and an end of the day catch-up to review learning and share outcomes.

The School Office will send Zoom meeting details for each class and resend log-in details for online resources and OneDrive folders that work can be uploaded to. This should enable you to be up and ready to participate from Tuesday 5th January 2021.

We will not be offering Zoom lessons on Monday as teachers need time to put the week's learning in place. However, all other remote learning materials will be available so your child can work on any of the activities outlined.

Class teachers are offering a Zoom meeting on the afternoon of Monday 4th January – this will provide the opportunity to answer questions and point you to any relevant information, websites etc. The School Office will send through details of these meetings on Monday morning when school re-opens.

Class teachers are entitled to 'Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA)'; this is usually provided throughout the week. In order to provide pupils and parents with more consistency I have re-arranged the timing of individual PPA sessions. All teachers will take their PPA time on a Friday afternoon; there will not be any Zoom lessons/calls on Friday 8th and 15th January 2021. Pupils can continue with activities independently; their teacher may suggest focus areas during Friday morning's calls.

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I appreciate for some families there will be challenges when siblings have Zoom meetings at similar times – I have spent a great deal of time trying to find a solution but there really isn't one. My suggestion is that you use as many devices as possible to enable your children to participate and if this is not viable then you may need to create a rota for accessing these lessons.

Teachers can be contacted (from Monday 4/1/2021) via each class email account. If you have any questions that you feel I might be able to help with then please email me at headteacher@penshurst.kent.sch.uk. The School Office will be manned on Monday 4th January 2021 from 8.30am should you wish to call.

I will, as always, make sure that you are kept up to date of any developments and thank you for your support during this challenging period.

Sue Elliott,
Headteacher