



AVONDALE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Remote Learners Guide – Pre-prep

Replicating the classroom remotely

All remote learners at Avondale Prep School are continuing their education at home through a combination of live teaching and planned independent activities. We believe that live classrooms enable important interaction between teachers and pupils through, for example, questioning and reflective discussion. This interactivity and intentional dialogue, allows our remote teaching to be more effective, support pupil motivation and lead to better progress. Our remote learners will access all learning that is taking place in the classroom and therefore will continue to follow the school curriculum objectives.

Remote teaching and study time each day

Children at home undergoing remote learning are expected to follow the school time table.

8:30–10:50	Remote learning
10.50-11.20	Morning break
11.20-12.30	Remote learning
12:30-1:35	Lunch break
1:35- 3:20	Remote learning
3:20	End of school day

A class teacher will be available to the children throughout the day (excluding morning break and lunch break) to support the children and answer any questions.

How is my child learning at home?

We are providing a combination of live lessons via Zoom and pre-set work via emails, Purple Mash and Tapestry. All supporting resources will be emailed before the week commences to allow time for the tasks to be printed and prepared. Wherever possible, feedback and marking from the class teacher will be available via Tapestry.

To allow flexibility and provide extra support, all live lessons will be recorded and uploaded on to Tapestry by the end of the school day. A weekly PowerPoint with learning objectives and success criteria for both English and Maths lessons will also be provided to allow parents to consolidate and reflect upon the weeks learning with their children.

Due to their age, children will require parental support accessing and completing their work. All resources include clear, step by step expectations of what the children need to do, and advance warning if additional equipment or materials are needed to complete the task.

How can I get help with my child's work?

As the remote learners are working alongside their classmates, following the school time table, the class teacher is available to support the children via Zoom, providing instant personal feedback and answering questions. You can also email their teacher directly with any questions. As usual, please

contact your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns about either their learning or wellbeing.

I'm finding it really hard to manage home learning whilst working from home

We fully understand that the balance of work, home life and remote learning can be challenging. Yours, and your child's, best efforts are good enough and we will not expect every activity to be completed by every child, every day or week.

Whilst some parents prefer to receive work each day, others found it useful to be able to plan. You as a family can choose to strictly follow the timetable if the routine is helpful for you, or to flex the timing or the days on which the children complete their work if you prefer.

Remember that children are also learning by doing other things at home, such as baking, gardening, drawing, sewing... These activities are equally valuable, and we encourage you to continue with those that are helping your child thrive.

Access to online resources

Purple Mash <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/avondalepreparat>

Oxford Reading Buddies <https://www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/uk>

Nessy (used by Year 2 only) – <https://learn.nessy.com/account/login#/accountLogin>

Other useful online resources

Phonics Play- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

KS1 Top Marks Educational Games - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

BBC Bitesize – www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary

Touch Typing – www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr