



AVONDALE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Remote Learners Guide – Prep Department

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- 8:35	Registration
8:35-10:50	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 Microsoft Teams and pre-set work via our multiple online learning platforms. Wherever possible, feedback from teachers includes video calls, voice recordings and annotated work.

Children can access and complete (dependent on age/child) most of the work with minimal parental oversight and 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 does my child access Microsoft Teams?

Every child in the Prep department will be provided with their own chrome book which will allow them to independently access online learning tools and digital learning platforms. Each child will have a Microsoft account, which will enable them to be part of a collaborative 'Team'. This means that they can access all lessons via their Teams app on their chrome book.

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 Teams, 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. We will continue to review the timetable and listen to your feedback.

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

Century Tech (used by Year 3-6) <https://www.century.tech/>

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

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

Nessy (used by Year 3 and 4) – <https://learn.nessy.com/account/login#/accountLogin>

Other useful online resources

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

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

Coding – code.org

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