



Prince Albert Primary School Remote Learning Plan

From Sept 4, schools will no longer be expected to trace close contacts. This means whole classes will not need to isolate in the case of a confirmed positive case within their class. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

Under DFE guidance, it is clear that children have a right to their education. In the case that a child has symptoms of Covid-19, has to remain at home whilst waiting for PCR results if they have been identified as a close contact, or has to quarantine following travel, it is crucial that their learning should continue if they are well. In cases where children are symptomatic or unwell and off school, they would not be expected to engage in home learning until they were feeling well again. To ensure that learning is continued, we have developed this remote learning plan.

A form of home learning will be offered in the following situations:

Scenario:	What we will do:
1. A child is self-isolating because they have Covid-19 symptoms or has received a positive test	Send a MS Teams invite for the child to join their core lessons virtually alongside their classmates in school
2. A child is self-isolating because they have been identified as a close contact and are awaiting a PCR test appointment or PCR test results	Send a MS Teams invite for the child to join their core lessons virtually alongside their classmates in school
3. A class closure, partial school closure or full school closure due to a school outbreak	Provide learning online through Microsoft Teams – some live lessons and some lesson materials for children to access independently

We are determined to support all of our families in being able to engage in home learning. In scenarios where online learning is provided, we will do our utmost to support families in accessing that, with the belief that this is the entitlement of the children. If parents / carers do not have a device for their child to use when remote learning, we have some devices that can be loaned to children self-isolating. We also have a number of Wi-Fi sim cards to support families without access to internet.

Software and online platforms

Microsoft Teams will be used as the home learning platform for all year groups. This can be accessed on laptops, tablets and smartphones. Use of MS Teams will provide opportunity for the children to communicate with their teacher through the class chat function and also via video sessions. This will be in the format of live lessons and feedback of work uploaded.

From September, your child will have access to their new class team. On the Team channel 'posts', you will find your child's class timetable. Children will attend the core subjects live and virtually join the children in the 'real' classroom.

Core subjects your child will join are:

Nurture: daily activity set for child to complete at home, live daily 'hello' via Teams to maintain contact and communication with key staff

Nursery: daily live family group time, daily live phonics, 1 other daily activity will be set for the child to complete at home

Reception: daily live family group time, daily live phonics, 1 other daily activity will be set for the child to complete at home

Year 1: daily live writing or daily live maths, daily phonics, 1 other daily activity will be set for the child to complete at home

Year 2: daily live phonics, Mon-Thurs live writing, Mon-Thurs live maths

Year 3: daily live phonics, Mon-Thurs live reading/writing, Mon-Thurs live maths,

Years 4-6: Mon-Thurs live writing, Mon-Thurs live maths, Mon-Thurs live reading

All year groups: Live class story

Class teachers will set up invites for the relevant times of the above lessons and your child will need to join at these times. Children joining live lessons from home will be able to see the board and will be able to hear the teacher. They will not see the teacher visible at all times. The live lessons are not provided solely for children learning at home, children learning at home are joining the lesson that is already taking place in school.

Your child will be able to communicate with their teacher using the chat function within the live lessons or using the Teams channel platform outside of live lesson time. Class teachers will be teaching their class in school all day and will respond to messages at their earliest convenience.

In the event of any form of isolation and loss of learning caused by Coronavirus, parents must understand that completing home learning is essential to prevent their children from falling behind. However, if children themselves are unwell, they are not expected to engage in home learning. In this case, please call the school office to report illness as you usually would.

Early in the Autumn term, parents will receive children's login and password information for MS Teams via a text message.

Remote learning plan in the case of a class or year group closure or national lockdown (whole school closure)

A class or year group is self-isolating because of an outbreak of coronavirus OR a national lockdown is put in place	
School role:	Parental role:
Teachers will provide a timetable as a guide to how you could structure your child's learning. The timetable will include details of when interactive, live reading, writing and maths lessons or class story times will take place on Microsoft Teams. In addition to the live content, teachers will post wider curriculum tasks for children to complete.	Contact school with any concerns or support that you need.
Practitioners will provide feedback on children's learning.	If you do not have a MS Teams password for any reason, inform school via the office so we can put a password request in through our ICT team. Please be aware this may take up to 48 hours.
Wider curriculum subject work (Science, The Arts, Humanities and Computing) will be posted on Microsoft teams. This work may include links to Oak National Academy or other online learning resources.	Discuss the suggested timetable with your child and plan out your week.
Office staff will inform class teachers if a child is unwell and cannot participate in home learning.	Photograph and upload your child's work on Microsoft Teams, or support them in doing this.
The school will carry out well-being calls twice a week if your child hasn't engaged with MS Teams to check your child is okay, see if you need support locating your child's work and provide you with the opportunity to ask any questions.	Encourage your child to engage in conversation with their teacher through the 'posts' section to ask for help or discuss their learning. During a live lesson, children should electronically 'raise their hand' for help.
Food provision made available for children eligible for free school meals.	If your child cannot log in to join the live sessions, ensure they view the PowerPoint and complete the learning that is available on 'Assignments' on the Teams channel at a more suitable time.
	If your child is unwell, please call the office to report illness.
	If your child develops symptoms during their period of self-isolation, please take your child for a test and keep communication with school open.
	0121 327 0594 or enquiry@princealbert.bham.sch.uk

In all scenarios above, Nurture group children will receive weekly activities in line with their EHCP targets.

Uploading work and feedback

Teachers will set 'Assignments' when work is expected to be uploaded for review by the teacher. Children upload their own work to each assignment. This should be the only place work is uploaded. The staff in that class will be able to view all children's uploaded work, and provide feedback on it, but children will only see their own work and their own feedback comments within the 'Assignment' section of Teams.

Children can view all assignments in chronological order on the 'Assignments' feature of Teams – it will indicate whether they have outstanding work to upload or if they are up to date. Assignments are also able to be viewed in 'Posts'.

Contacting class teachers during a full school closure

If you need to contact your child's class teacher directly, use the following email addresses:

nursery@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Nursery team	
rec@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Reception team	
nurture@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Nurture team	
1M@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Miss Malik's class	1L@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Mrs Latif's class
1HA@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Miss Hyde/Mrs Afshan	2B@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Mrs Bahia's class
2E@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Mrs Eccles class	2A@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Mrs Ali's class
3M@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Miss Mahmood's class	3K@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Miss Khan's class
3S@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Miss Shakespeare's class	4LD@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Mrs Lloyd & Mrs Dunkley's class
4V@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Mr Vohra's class	4Z@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Mrs Dar's class
5H@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Mrs Hamid's class	5M@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Mr Mazhar's class
5R@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Miss Rainey's class	6A@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Miss Abdullah's class
6K@princealbert.bham.sch.uk – Miss Kauser's class	6R@princealbert.bham.sch.uk - Mr Rotimi's class

*Please note, staff will respond between school hours only, and will be unable to respond during their live teaching time.

If you need to contact a member of SLT during a school closure, email schoolclosure@princealbert.bham.sch.uk.

If you require support from the main office or a member of SLT, email enquiry@princealbert.bham.sch.uk.

If you need to report that your child is unwell, or report a COVID-19 positive test result, please call 0121 327 0594 as early as possible. The office will be open for calls from 8:00am.