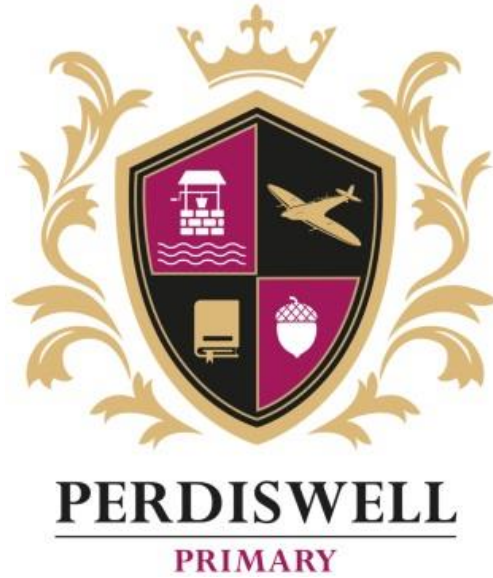


# Perdiswell Primary School



## Pupil Remote Learning Policy

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## Statement of intent

At Perdiswell Primary we understand the need to continually deliver high quality education, including during periods of remote working – whether for an individual pupil or many. We recognise the importance of maintaining high expectations in all areas of school life and ensuring that all pupils have access to the learning resources and support they need to succeed.

Through the implementation of this policy, we aim to address the key concerns associated with remote working, such as online safety, access to educational resources, data protection, and safeguarding.

This policy aims to:

- Minimise the disruption to pupils' education and the delivery of the curriculum.
- Ensure provision is in place so that all pupils have access to high quality learning resources so that pupils have meaningful and ambitious work each day.
- Protect pupils from the risks associated with using devices connected to the internet.
- Ensure staff, parent, and pupil data remains secure and is not lost or misused.
- Ensure robust safeguarding measures continue to be in effect during the period of remote learning.
- Ensure all pupils have the provision they need to complete their work to the best of their ability, and to remain happy, healthy, and supported during periods of remote learning.

# 1. Roles and responsibilities

1.1. The governing board is responsible for:

- Ensuring that the school has robust risk management procedures in place.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of the school's remote learning arrangements.
- Monitoring the school's approach to providing remote learning to ensure education remains as high quality as possible.

1.2. The Headteacher is responsible for:

- Ensuring that staff, parents and pupils adhere to the relevant policies at all times.
- Ensuring that there are arrangements in place for identifying, evaluating, and managing the risks associated with remote learning.
- Ensuring that there are arrangements in place for monitoring incidents associated with remote learning.
- Overseeing that the school has the resources necessary to action the procedures in this policy.
- Reviewing the effectiveness of this policy on an annual basis and communicating any changes to staff, parents, and pupils.
- Arranging any additional training staff may require to support pupils during the period of remote learning.
- Monitoring the effectiveness of remote learning through regular meetings with teachers and subject leaders, reviewing work set.

1.3. The Data Protection Officer is responsible for:

- Overseeing that all school-owned electronic devices used for remote learning have adequate anti-virus software.
- Ensuring all staff, parents, and pupils are aware of the data protection principles outlined in the GDPR.
- Ensuring that all computer programs used for remote learning are compliant with the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.
- Overseeing that any ICT equipment used for remote learning is resilient and can efficiently recover lost data.

1.4. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is responsible for:

- Attending and arranging, where necessary, any safeguarding meetings that occur during the remote learning period.
- Identifying vulnerable pupils who may be at risk if they are learning remotely.
- Ensuring that child protection plans are enforced while the pupil is learning remotely, and liaising with the headteacher and other organisations to

make alternate arrangements for pupils who are at a high risk, where required.

- Identifying the level of support or intervention required while pupils learn remotely and ensuring appropriate measures are in place.
- Liaising with relevant individuals to ensure vulnerable pupils receive the support required during the period of remote working ensuring all safeguarding incidents are adequately recorded and reported.

1.5. The SENCO is responsible for:

- Ensuring that pupils with EHC plans continue to have their needs met while learning remotely, and liaising with the headteacher and other organisations to make any alternate arrangements for pupils with EHC plans and IHPs.
- Identifying the level of support or intervention that is required while pupils with SEND learn remotely.
- Ensuring that the provision put in place for pupils with SEND is monitored for effectiveness throughout the duration of the remote learning period.

1.6. The ICT technicians/ICT co-ordinator are responsible for:

- Ensuring that all school-owned devices used for remote learning have suitable anti-virus software installed, have a secure connection, can recover lost work, and allow for audio and visual material to be recorded, where required.
- Ensuring that any programs or networks used for remote learning can effectively support a large number of users at one time, where required, e.g. undertaking 'stress' testing.
- Working with the SENCO to ensure that the equipment and technology used for learning remotely is accessible to all pupils and staff.

1.7. Teachers are responsible for:

- Adhering to this policy at all times during periods of remote learning.
- Setting work for individuals or their class/year group who are covid positive or isolating, this includes a 2 week unit of work including subjects across the whole curriculum as well as numeracy and literacy.
- Uploading the work onto the Seesaw portal or school website.
- Co-ordinating with other teachers and subject leads to ensure consistency across the year/subject area.
- Using the seesaw portal to provide feedback to children's work either through messages on the portal or direct verbal feedback.
- Making regular contact weekly via phone calls.
- Replying to parent/pupil emails between hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm
- Reporting any safeguarding incidents to the DSL and asking for guidance as appropriate.

- Taking part in any training conducted to meet the requirements of this policy, including training on how to use the necessary electronic equipment and software.
- Reporting any dangers or potential dangers, they identify, as well as any concerns they may have about remote learning, to the headteacher.
- Reporting any defects on school-owned equipment used for remote learning to an ICT technician.
- Adhering to the Staff Code of Conduct at all times.

1.8. Teaching Assistants are responsible for:

- Supporting the class teacher as directed e.g. hear children read remotely.
- Contacting children weekly via phone call.
- Attending virtual meetings (Teams) with teachers/SLT.
- Taking part in any training conducted to meet the requirements of this policy, including training on how to use the necessary electronic equipment and software.

1.9. Parents are responsible for:

- Adhering to this policy at all times during periods of remote learning.
- Reporting any technical issues to the school as soon as possible.
- Ensuring that their child always has access to remote learning material.
- Reporting any absence.
- Ensuring their child uses the equipment and technology used for remote learning as intended.
- Notifying school if their child is not well enough to complete work.

1.10. Pupils are responsible for:

- Adhering to this policy at all times during periods of remote learning.
- Reporting any technical issues to their teacher as soon as possible.
- Ensuring they have access to remote learning material and notifying a responsible adult if they do not have access.
- Notifying a responsible adult if they are feeling unwell or are unable to complete the schoolwork they have been set.
- Ensuring they use any equipment and technology for remote learning as intended.
- Adhering to the Behaviour Policy at all times.

## 2. Resources

### Learning materials

- 2.1. The school will accept a range of different teaching methods during remote learning to help explain concepts and address misconceptions easily. For the purpose of providing remote learning, the school may make use of:
  - Work booklets
  - Email
  - Current online learning portals – Seesaw
  - Educational websites
  - Reading tasks
  - Pre-recorded video or audio lessons
  - Live teams lessons
- 2.2. Teachers will review the DfE's list of [online education resources](#) and utilise these tools as necessary, in addition to existing resources.
- 2.3. Reasonable adjustments will be made to ensure that all pupils have access to the resources needed for effective remote learning.
- 2.4. Lesson plans will be adapted to ensure that the curriculum remains fully accessible and inclusive via remote learning.
- 2.5. The school will review the resources pupils have access to and adapt learning to account for all pupils needs by using a range of different formats, e.g. providing work on PDFs which can easily be printed from a mobile device.
- 2.6. Teaching staff will liaise with the SENCO and other relevant members of staff to ensure all pupils remain fully supported for the duration of the remote learning period.
- 2.7. The SENCO will arrange additional support for pupils with SEND which will be unique to the individual's needs, e.g. via weekly phone calls/emails.
- 2.8. Any issues with remote learning resources will be reported as soon as possible to the relevant member of staff.
- 2.9. Pupils will be required to use their own or family-owned equipment to access remote learning resources, unless the school agrees to loan equipment, e.g. laptops/iPads.
- 2.10. For pupils who cannot access digital devices at home, the school will, where possible, apply for technology support through their LA.
- 2.11. Pupils and parents will be required to maintain the upkeep of any equipment they use to access remote learning resources that is on loan.

- 2.12. Teaching staff will oversee academic progression for the duration of the remote learning period and will mark and provide feedback on work in line with [section 7](#) of this policy.
- 2.13. The ICT technicians are not responsible for providing technical support for equipment that is not owned by the school.

### **Food provision**

- 2.14. The school will signpost parents via parent mail towards additional support for ensuring their children continue to receive the food they need, e.g. food banks.
- 2.15. Where applicable, the school may provide the following provision for pupils who receive FSM:
  - Providing food hampers available for delivery or collection
  - Providing vouchers to families

### **Costs and expenses**

- 2.16. The school will not contribute to any household expenses incurred while pupils learn remotely, e.g. heating, lighting, or council tax.
- 2.17. The school will not reimburse any costs for travel between pupils' homes and the school premises.
- 2.18. The school will not reimburse any costs for childcare.
- 2.19. If a pupil is provided with school-owned equipment, the pupil and their parent will sign and adhere to the Technology Acceptable Use Agreement prior to commencing remote learning.

## **3. Online safety**

- 3.1. This section of the policy will be enacted in conjunction with the school's Online Safety Policy.
- 3.2. Where possible, all interactions will be textual and public.
- 3.3. All staff and pupils using video communication must:
  - Be fully dressed appropriate for learning – this includes others in their household.
  - Be situated in a suitable 'public' living area within the home with an appropriate background – 'private' living areas within the home, such as bedrooms, are not permitted during video communication.
  - Use appropriate language – this includes others in their household.
  - Maintain the standard of behaviour expected in school.
  - Use the necessary equipment and computer programs as intended.
  - Ensure they have a stable connection to avoid disruption to lessons.
  - Always remain aware that they are visible.



Pupils will not record online interactions. If the lesson is to be recorded, this will be done by staff.

Pupils will not share resources or videos created by teachers with anyone who is not a pupil or member of staff at Perdiswell Primary school.

- 3.4. All staff and pupils using audio communication must:
  - Use appropriate language – this includes others in their household.
  - Maintain the standard of behaviour expected in school.
  - Use the necessary equipment and computer programs as intended.
  - Not record, store, or distribute audio material without permission.
  - Ensure they have a stable connection to avoid disruption to lessons.
  - Always remain aware that they can be heard.
- 3.5. The school will consider whether one-to-one sessions are appropriate in some circumstances, e.g. to provide support for pupils with SEND. This will be decided and approved by the SLT, in collaboration with the SENCO.
- 3.6. Pupils not using devices or software as intended will be disciplined in line with the Behaviour Policy.
- 3.7. The school will risk assess the technology used for remote learning prior to use and ensure that there are no privacy issues or scope for inappropriate use.
- 3.8. The school will ensure that all school-owned equipment and technology used for remote learning has suitable anti-virus software installed, can establish secure connections, can recover lost work, and allows for audio and visual material to be recorded or downloaded, where required.
- 3.9. During the period of remote learning, the school will maintain regular contact with parents to:
  - Reinforce the importance of children staying safe online.
  - Ensure parents are aware of what their children are being asked to do, e.g. sites they have been asked to use and staff they will interact with.
  - Encourage them to set age-appropriate parental controls on devices and internet filters to block malicious websites.
  - Direct parents to useful resources to help them keep their children safe online.
- 3.10. The school will not be responsible for providing access to the internet off the school premises and will not be responsible for providing online safety software, e.g. anti-virus software, on devices not owned by the school.

## **4. Safeguarding**

- 4.1. This section of the policy will be enacted in conjunction with the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, which has been updated to include safeguarding procedures in relation to remote working.
- 4.2. The DSL will identify 'vulnerable' pupils (pupils who are deemed to be vulnerable or are at risk of harm) via risk assessment prior to the period of remote learning.
- 4.3. The DSL will arrange for regular contact to be made with vulnerable pupils, prior to the period of remote learning.
- 4.4. Phone calls made to vulnerable pupils will be made using school phones where possible.
- 4.5. The DSL will arrange for regular contact with vulnerable pupils once per week at minimum, with additional contact, including home visits, arranged where required.
- 4.6. All contact with vulnerable pupils will be recorded on the Staff Share Drive and suitably stored in line with the Data Protection Policy.
- 4.7. The DSL will keep in contact with vulnerable pupils' social workers or other care professionals during the period of remote working, as required.
- 4.8. Vulnerable pupils will be provided with a means of contacting the DSL, their deputy, or any other relevant member of staff – this arrangement will be set up by the DSL prior to the period of remote learning.
- 4.9. The DSL will meet (in person or remotely) with the relevant members of staff once per week to discuss new and current safeguarding arrangements for vulnerable pupils learning remotely.
- 4.10. All members of staff will report any safeguarding concerns to the DSL immediately.
- 4.11. Pupils and their parents will be encouraged to contact the DSL if they wish to report safeguarding concerns, e.g. regarding harmful or upsetting content or incidents of online bullying. The school will also signpost families to the practical support that is available for reporting these concerns.

## **5. Data protection**

- 5.1. This section of the policy will be enacted in conjunction with the school's Data Protection Policy.
- 5.2. Staff members will be responsible for adhering to the GDPR when teaching remotely and will ensure the confidentiality and integrity of their devices at all times.
- 5.3. Sensitive data will only be transferred between devices if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of remote learning and teaching.

- 5.4. Any data that is transferred between devices will be suitably encrypted or have other data protection measures in place so that if the data is lost, stolen, or subject to unauthorised access, it remains safe until recovered.
- 5.5. Parents' and pupils' up-to-date contact details will be collected prior to the period of remote learning.
- 5.6. All contact details will be stored in line with the Data Protection Policy.
- 5.7. The school will not permit paper copies of contact details to be taken off the school premises.
- 5.8. Pupils are not permitted to let their family members or friends use any school-owned equipment which contains personal data.
- 5.9. Any breach of confidentiality will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Data and E-Security Breach Prevention Management Plan.
- 5.10. Any intentional breach of confidentiality will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy or the Disciplinary Policy and Procedure.

## **6. Marking and feedback**

- 6.1. All schoolwork completed through remote learning must be:
  - Finished when returned to the relevant member of teaching staff.
  - Completed to the best of the pupil's ability.
  - The pupil's own work.
  - Marked with a positive comment and feedback.
  - Returned to the pupil, once marked, by an agreed date via the portal.
- 6.2. The school expects pupils and staff to maintain a good work ethic during the period of remote learning.
- 6.3. Pupils are accountable for the completion of their own schoolwork – teaching staff will contact parents via the class email if their child is not completing their schoolwork or their standard of work has noticeably decreased.
- 6.4. Teaching staff will monitor the academic progress of pupils .
- 6.5. Teaching staff will monitor the academic progress of pupils with SEND and discuss additional support or provision with the SENCO as soon as possible.
- 6.6. The school accepts a variety of formative assessment and feedback methods, e.g. through quizzes and other digital tools from teachers, and will support them with implementing these measures for remote learning where possible.

## **7. School day and absence**

- 7.1. Pupils who are unwell are not expected to be present for remote working until they are well enough to do so.

- 7.2. Parents will inform their child's teacher via class email if their child is unwell.
- 7.3. The school will monitor absence in line with the Attendance Policy.

## **8. Communication**

- 8.1. The school will ensure adequate channels of communication are arranged in the event of an emergency.
- 8.2. The school will communicate with parents via email, parent mail and the school website about remote learning arrangements as soon as possible.
- 8.3. The head teacher will communicate with staff as soon as possible via email/messaging about any remote learning arrangements.
- 8.4. Members of staff involved in remote teaching will ensure they have a working mobile device that is available to take phone calls during their agreed working hours.
- 8.5. The school understands that pupils learning remotely have the right to privacy out-of-hours and should be able to separate their school and home lives – communication is only permitted during school hours.
- 8.6. Pupils will have verbal contact with a member of teaching staff at least once per week via group phone call/class chat.
- 8.7. Parents and pupils will inform the relevant member of staff as soon as possible if schoolwork cannot be completed.
- 8.8. Issues with remote learning or data protection will be communicated to the pupils' teacher as soon as possible, so they can investigate and resolve the issue.
- 8.9. The pupils' teacher will keep parents and pupils informed of any changes to the remote learning arrangements or the schoolwork set.

## **9. Monitoring and review**

- 9.1. This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the head teacher.
- 9.2. Any changes to this policy will be communicated to all members of staff and other stakeholders.
- 9.3. The next scheduled review date for this policy is the Summer term 2021.

## 10. Legal framework

10.1. This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Equality Act 2010
- Education Act 2004
- The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013
- Data Protection Act 2018

10.2. This policy has due regard to national guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- DfE (2020) 'Keeping children safe in education'
- DfE (2019) 'School attendance'
- DfE (2017) 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years'
- DfE (2018) 'Health and safety: responsibilities and duties for schools'
- DfE (2018) 'Health and safety for school children'
- DfE (2016) 'Children missing education'
- DfE (2020) 'Safeguarding and remote education during coronavirus (COVID-19)'
- DfE (2020) 'Adapting teaching practice for remote education'
- DfE (2020) 'Guidance for full opening: schools'

10.3. This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Special Educational Needs (SEND) Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Accessibility Policy
- Curriculum Policy
- Assessment Policy

- Online Safety Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Attendance Policy
- ICT Acceptable Use Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Microsoft Teams Code of Conduct

## Appendix A

### Remote Learning During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

Within the ever-changing circumstances we are currently living through, we have to be prepared for local lockdowns. In the event of a local lockdown, the school will implement provision for remote learning, so pupils never miss out on education. We will ensure that our curriculum is inclusive and accessible to all. This policy annex outlines how we will deliver remote education during the pandemic.

#### 1. Contingency planning

- 1.1 The school will open to all pupils at the start of the Autumn term, in line with national and local guidance.
- 1.2 The school will work closely with the LA to ensure the premises is 'COVID-secure', and will complete all necessary risk assessments – results of the opening risk assessment will be published on the school's website.
- 1.3 The school will work closely with the local health protection team when entering into a local lockdown and implement the provisions set within their contingency plan.
- 1.4 The school will communicate its plan for a local lockdown with parents, including whether it will remain open to vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers, or if remote working will be applicable for all.
- 1.5 If there **is not** a local lockdown, but a single class or 'bubble' needs to self-isolate, the school will implement remote learning immediately for that group.

#### 2. Teaching and learning

- 2.1 All pupils will have access to high quality education when remote working.
- 2.2 The school will use a range of teaching methods to cater for all different learning styles, this includes:
  - Current online learning portals – Seesaw
  - Quizzes
  - Online materials
  - Educational Website
  - Pre-recorded video or audio lessons
  - Various reading tasks – e.g. comprehension, inference and prediction
  - Daily challenges
  - Times Table Rock Stars

- Mental Health/ Well-being activities/Jigsaw

2.3 Teachers will ensure lessons are inclusive for all pupils and can be adapted to account for the needs of disadvantaged pupils and pupils with SEND.

2.4 When teaching pupils who are working remotely, teachers will:

- Set activities so that pupils have meaningful and ambitious work each day.
- Deliver a planned, coherent and well-sequenced curriculum which allows skills to be built incrementally.
- Provide frequent, clear explanations of new content through high quality curriculum resources, including through educational videos.
- Assess progress by using questions and other suitable tasks and be clear on how regularly work will be checked.
- Adjust the pace or difficulty of what is being taught in response to questions or assessments, including, where necessary, revising material or simplifying explanations to ensure pupils' understanding.

2.5 All provisions for remote learning will be subject to the class group's age and ability.

2.6 In exceptional circumstances, the school may reduce its curriculum offering to enable pupils to cope with the workload – the headteacher will assess this need, keeping pupils' best interests in mind, and will not make the decision lightly.

2.7 Teachers will continue to make use of formative assessments throughout the academic year, e.g. quizzes.

### **3. Returning to school**

3.1 The headteacher will work with the LA to ensure pupils only return to school when it is safe for them to do so.

3.2 After a period of self-isolation, or the lessening of local lockdown rules, the headteacher will inform parents when their child will return to school.

3.3 The headteacher will listen to all concerns that parents may have about their child returning to school and will advise them of the measures in place to ensure the safety of their child.

### **4. Monitoring and review**

4.1 This policy annex will be reviewed in line with any updated to government guidance.

4.2 All changes to the policy will be communicated to the relevant members of the school community.