

# GOSSEY LANE ACADEMY



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## Homework and Remote learning FAQs- March 2021

### What is homework and what is remote learning?

- a) Homework is the work that a teacher sets on a weekly basis for all children at the start of the week and is collected on a set day. This is what we have always done prior to the pandemic and has not changed.
- b) Remote learning has been implemented in the wake of the Covid- 19 pandemic. There is an expectation that if a class is sent home, there is work set on the school website which children must complete in order to stay on track. The completed work is sent back to the teachers via Dojo for comment. Whilst children are at home, teachers will set up daily live lessons via a safe online platform- Microsoft TEAMS.
- c) If individuals are self-isolating, we expect children to log into the class live lessons to listen to the teacher input and then complete the work that has been set. We also have lessons set up in the Student Hub on the website if children are unable to log into live lessons.

### What is available for remote learning?

Teachers have set up PADLETs for each year group in the Student Hub which relates to learning in the classroom. We also have live platforms and subscriptions for children to access daily e.g TT rockstars and a host of other useful websites.

### I have no device. How do I access the homework or remote learning?

If you have internet access then android phones, iphone, tablets, Playstations and Xbox can all be used to access the work. If you have neither, then contact the school for further advice. The government has allocated the school some laptops for eligible children from Year 3 to 6 only. These children will be prioritised for a laptop first. Other laptops will be issued on a case by case basis.

### Why does the school not provide paper based homework anymore?

There are a number of reasons we have moved towards paperless

- a) It is more eco-friendly and will reduce our carbon footprint.
- b) To reduce risk of spreading infection due to Covid 19.



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- c) Copying and use of the photocopier plus man hours it can take is not cost effective to the school

**How long should I spend on:**

A) **Homework-** this depends on the work that has been provided. All the work that has been set must be finished by the due date. So it might be helpful to have a routine around homework. For example, set some time each day after school to complete it. It is difficult to put a time limit on it as every child is different. We would expect that your child reads daily for at least 10 minutes, 10 minutes learning timetables per day and 10 minutes on learning spelling rules daily.

B) **Remote learning-** every day your child is off they should spend the morning working until they finish all the written work that has been set with break as needed. The afternoons can be used for other activities such as PE. The guidance states 3 hours for EYFS/KS1 and 4 hours for KS2.

**My child finds the work hard. What should I do?**

The work that is set is aimed at children working at the expected standard. We cannot set the work below this unless your child has an identified SEND need. If this is the case see question below. If your child does not have a SEND need and is finding the work hard then it means that your he/she will require adult support and guidance in order for the work to be completed. If in doubt, then contact the class teacher for further guidance.

**My child has Special Educational Needs. What provision is in place for their learning?**

- A) Remote learning- there is a tab labelled with the name of the Teaching assistant in each year group. The work has been set at a level your child can access.
- B) General homework- the work will be differentiated by the teacher or teaching assistant.

**My child has poor handwriting but the homework does not offer anything to support this. What can I do?**

Please contact your child's class teacher. He/She will explain what could be done at home and if needed provide you with some support resources to use at home.

**I am having problems logging onto the online platforms. What should I do?**

Contact the school and someone will be in touch to get it sorted for you. We also have some help videos on the website.

**My child will not do their homework. What should I do?**

Contact the teacher and they can speak to your child. Have a space in the home that your child can associate with working if you can.

**What will happen if my child does not complete their homework?**

If your child does not complete homework, they will need to catch up in school. This may be done during their break or lunchtime. If any remote learning is set and your child is refusing to engage then please contact the school for support.

**My child is self-isolating. How do I access the work?**

Go to the student hub on the website. Choose your year group and find the PADLET.

**Are there any other websites that I can access to support my child's learning?**

On the school website we have loaded a number of educational websites that your child can use to supplement their learning.

**I have no internet access. How do I access my child's work?**

If your child does not have access to the internet, then please contact your child's teacher and a paper copy will be provided.

**My child cannot move past a level. Why is this?**

- A) Mathletics - The Live platform adapts to suit the child's ability. It will only provide trickier questions when the child is achieving consistent success. If they are struggling to answer at pace it will not move them on. The children are also set individual tasks which are specifically set at their year group expectation.
- B) Reading Planet - The tasks set by the teacher relate to your child's reading age and fluency.
- C) TT Rockstars - The platform responds to the speed in which the children recall the times tables facts. It becomes increasingly difficult as they speed up with the calculations. This applies to all game types on the platform.

**Who will monitor and check I have completed the remote lessons set by the class teacher?**

The class teacher and the teaching assistant will check and ask to see the work.

**What is the expectation around completing remote learning and lessons?**

All children must complete the work that has been set or they will fall behind.

**My child's bubble has gone home or my child is self-isolating, what is the difference?**

If a bubble goes home then the whole class is at home including the teachers. The teachers will then set up daily live lessons. If your child is self-isolating it means the rest of their class is still attending school. Therefore they must access the remote learning which is set on the website and log into live lessons at school. This will be done through an appropriate live platform such as TEAMS.

**Where do I record the remote learning tasks?**

You will need to provide paper and suitable writing equipment. Take a photo and send it back to the teacher via dojo for comment.

**When is homework set and then due back?**

Homework is set on a Thursday and is due back on a Monday depending on what the task is. We will send out an overview which explains when work needs to be returned to school if it is any different to the above.

**The homework expectations seem like a lot. How do I fit it all in?**

As a broad rule of thumb, 30 to 45 minutes per day for reading, TT Rockstars and spellings is required and 30 minutes per week at the weekend for the weekly tasks such as grammar rules and Mathletics. The self-directed task is only half termly.