

# **Remote Learning Offer**

**The Compass Academy**  
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***Information for Parents/Carers***

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As you know, due to the current pandemic, our school, along with many others, have had to reduce the number of pupils attending the school, whilst continuing to provide an education to all of our pupils.

As of January 2021, our school has implemented a '**blended learning**' offer which includes:

- Providing learning in school for our vulnerable pupils, as well as the children of critical workers.
- A 'live learning' timetable which focuses on the core elements of the curriculum including: English, Maths and Life Studies delivered by subject based staff.
- Access to the 'Google Classroom'.
- Access to online learning platforms including BKSB, Sum Dog and TT Rock Stars.
- Regular communication from your child's key tutor.
- Continued interventions including: Reading, Maths, Careers and Emotional Wellbeing.

During this period, The Compass Academy is committed to ensuring that our high quality standard of learning continues, even when your child may not be in school. Whilst the school building may not be open to all of our pupils everyday, supporting your child's learning and emotional wellbeing continues to be our top priority.

### **What should my child expect from the school's 'blended learning' offer?**

You should have received a timetable which provides an overview of your child's learning offer. Your child's 'offer' will include: time allocated in school, live lessons and information on how to access the Google Classroom.

If you are unsure about any aspect of your child's blended learning offer, or require another copy of your child's timetable, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's tutor in the first instance.

### **What learning will be provided for my child - will my child be taught broadly the same curriculum as they would if they were in school? How will they be taught remotely?**

Our main aim in this situation is to keep the school day as close to normal as possible and enable your child to access input from their current subject teacher or another familiar member of staff.

Your child will be taught the same curriculum remotely as they would in school. Some of this will be through the use of learning platforms – e.g. BKSB, SumDog, TT Rockstars – or work published on the Google Classroom.

Some learning will be taught via 'live lessons' (currently via Google Meet-a log on code via your child's school GMail account) and this may be a 'live' contact or a pre recorded session. For children to get full benefit from these lessons, it would be preferable for them to log in as the lesson is delivered. This will allow them to ask and answer questions and to access the teacher input.

Paper copies of learning resources will be available for those pupils who prefer to use work packs. Alternatively, the school does have access to a selected number of Chromebooks which can be issued on a 'loan' basis.

Regular communication will be maintained with your child's class tutor, who will guide you through all aspects of your child's work.

### **How long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?**

The work set, including any 'taught' lessons, should take roughly 4-5 hours per day. There should also be time for your child to have breaks as well as carry out some form of exercise.

Although we aim to adhere to the timetable that has been set for your child, as I am sure that you can appreciate, it may be on occasion that teaching staff are unwell and may be unable to teach live lessons. In this situation, the fall back of pre-recorded lessons or the use of another member of staff may be used.

### **What are your expectations for my child's engagement and the support that we as parents and carers should provide at home?**

We ask that you try to set a routine for your child during the time that they are at home. We do realise this is not always easy if you are 'working from home' or have younger children. However, learning is much easier if it is at regular, set times.

When your child is logging on for any kind of 'remote' learning, we ask that you regard our school protocol which has been shared with you, and if possible, that you sit with your child or 'oversee' what they are doing. If you have watched the input, this will help you as parents to understand the learning and expectations too.

We will be keeping note of which pupils access the learning and how much work they complete. There will be regular feedback opportunities from your child's class tutor, as well as the option to email in any work to your child's class email for feedback and comment. If you are struggling to support the learning, please do not hesitate to contact school for additional support and guidance.

We recognise that some pupils, for example pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), may not be able to access remote education without support from adults at home. We acknowledge the difficulties this may place on families, and we will work with parents and carers to support those pupils. We will continue to stay in close contact with any family requiring specific help due to SEND needs and offer additional advice and support.

### **What if I don't have access to the internet?**

Our learning will be accessible on any online device (e.g. laptop / phone / tablet). If you do not have access to one of these please let us know so that we can support you with this. Until ICT access is available, we will provide a pack of work to make sure that your child does not miss out. Please contact the Office 01482 331720 or email [admin@thecompassacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@thecompassacademy.co.uk) for support.

### **If my child is not in school because they are self-isolating, how will their remote education differ from the approaches described above?**

If your child is self-isolating due to family circumstances, we ask that you keep in close contact with school. We will continue to provide the materials for remote learning, including paper copies as required.

If your child is unwell, please inform your child's tutor and report your child's absence, in the normal way. We would only expect your child to engage with learning when they are fit to do so.

### **What if my child's class teacher is unwell?**

In this situation, the leadership team will re assign the home learning offer, until the teacher is able to return to work. It may be that you are offered an alternative timetable. Despite this, resources will still be available via the Google Classroom or a work pack.

I hope that this has helped to explain our 'blended learning' offer. If you wish to discuss your child's placement at the school, please speak to your child's tutor in the first instance.