



**HAYDOCK**  
**ENGLISH MARTYRS'**  
**CATHOLIC PRIMARY**  
**SCHOOL**

**Pupil Remote Teaching &  
Learning Policy**

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# Haydock English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

*Lighting the flame for life-long learning*

## Aims of the Policy/ Statement of Intent

At Haydock English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School, we understand the need to continually deliver high quality education, including during periods of remote learning - 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 learning, 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.
- 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.

Signed by:

**Headteacher**

Date: October 2020

**Chair of  
Governors**

Date: October 2020

## 1. Legal framework

1.1. 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)
- Data Protection Act 2018

1.2. 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'

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

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy Covid Addendum Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy
- Behavioural Management Policy
- Curriculum Rationale
- Assessment & Reporting Policy
- Online Safety Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Attendance Policy
- IT Acceptable Use Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Children Missing Education Policy

## 2. Roles and responsibilities

### 2.1. The Governing Body is responsible for:

- Ensuring that the school has robust risk management procedures in place.  
Ensuring that the school has a business continuity plan in place, where required.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of the school's remote learning arrangements.

### 2.2. 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 a regular 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.
- Putting procedures and safe systems of learning into practice, which are designed to eliminate or reduce the risks associated with remote learning.
- Managing the effectiveness of health and safety measures through a robust system of reporting, investigating, and recording incidents.

### 2.3. The DPO/ Headteacher is responsible for:

- Overseeing that all school-owned electronic devices used for remote learning have adequate anti-virus software and malware protection.

- 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.

2.4. The DSL/ Head Teacher 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 Local Authority 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.

2.5. The SENDCO is responsible for:

- Ensuring that pupils with EHC plans continue to have their needs met while learning remotely, and liaising with the headteacher / Local Authority 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.

2.6. The School Business Manager is responsible for:

- Arranging the procurement of any equipment or technology required for staff to teach remotely and for pupils to learn from home.
- Ensuring value for money when arranging the procurement of equipment or technology.
- Ensuring that the school has adequate insurance to cover all remote working arrangements.

2.7. The IT technicians 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..

2.8. Staff members are responsible for:

- Adhering to this policy at all times during periods of remote learning.
- Reporting any health and safety incidents to the Headteacher and asking for guidance as appropriate.
- Reporting any safeguarding incidents to the Designated Safeguarding Lead 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 in accordance with school procedures.
- Adhering to the Staff Code of Conduct at all times.

2.9. Parents are responsible for:

- Adhering to this policy at all times during periods of remote learning.
- Ensuring their child is available to learn remotely at the times set out in paragraphs [9.1](#) and [9.2](#) of this policy, and that the schoolwork set is completed on time and to the best of their child's ability.
- Reporting any issues to the school as soon as possible.
- Ensuring that their child always has access to remote learning material during the times set out in paragraphs [9.1](#) and [9.2](#).
- Reporting any absence in line with the terms set out in paragraph [9.6](#).
- Ensuring their child uses the equipment and technology used for remote learning as intended.

2.10. **Pupils** are responsible for:

- Adhering to this policy at all times during periods of remote learning.
- Ensuring they are available to learn remotely at the times set out in paragraphs [9.1](#) and [9.2](#) of this policy, and that their schoolwork is completed on time and to the best of their ability.
- 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.
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### 3. Resources

#### Learning materials/ Resources

3.1. 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/ worksheets
- Current online learning portals - Class Dojo, Mathletics, TT Rockstars, Oxford Owl, White Rose Maths, The Oaks Teaching Academy
- Links to other Educational websites
- Reading tasks
- Pre-recorded video or audio lessons

3.2. Teachers will review the DfE's list of [online education resources](#) and utilise these tools as necessary, in addition to existing resources.

3.3. Reasonable adjustments will be made to ensure that all pupils have access to the resources needed for effective remote learning.

3.4. Teachers will ensure the programmes chosen for online learning have a range of accessibility features, e.g. voice-to-text conversion, to support pupils with SEND.

3.5. Lesson plans will be adapted to ensure that the curriculum remains fully accessible and inclusive via remote learning.

3.6. 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 or indeed completed on line and sent back via Class Dojo.

3.7. Work packs will be made available for pupils who do not have access to a printer - these will be distributed by school.

3.8. Any issues with remote learning resources will be reported as soon as possible to the relevant member of staff.

3.9. Pupils will be required to use their own or family-owned equipment to access remote learning resources.

- 3.10. For disadvantaged pupils who cannot access digital devices at home, the school will, where possible, apply for technology support through their LA/ Dfe for pupils in Y3-6.
- 3.11. Pupils and parents will be required to maintain the upkeep of any equipment they use to access remote learning resources.
- 3.12. 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.
- 3.13. The IT Technicians are not responsible for providing technical support for equipment that is not owned by the school.

#### **Food provision**

- 3.14. Where applicable, the school may provide the following provision for pupils who receive FSM:
  - Making food hampers available for delivery or collection

### **4. Online safety**

- 4.1. All staff and pupils using video communication must:
  - Communicate in groups - one-to-one sessions are not permitted unless in a group setting e.g Teams into the classroom.
  - Wear suitable clothing - 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.
  - Not record, store, or distribute video material without permission.

- Ensure they have a stable connection to avoid disruption to lessons.
- Always remain aware that they are visible.

4.2. 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.

4.3. 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.

4.4. Pupils not using devices or software as intended will be disciplined in line with the Behavioural Management Policy.

4.5. 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.

4.6. 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.

4.7. 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.

4.8. 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.

## 5. Safeguarding

- 5.1. The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Headteacher 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.
- 5.2. The DSL will arrange for regular contact to be made with vulnerable pupils, prior to the period of remote learning.
- 5.3. Phone calls made to vulnerable pupils will be made using school phones where possible.
- 5.4. The DSL will arrange for regular contact with vulnerable pupils once per week at minimum, with additional contact, including home visits (dependent on the Covid situation), arranged where required.
- 5.5. All contact with vulnerable pupils will be logged.
- 5.6. The DSL will keep in contact with vulnerable pupils' social workers or other care professionals during the period of remote working, as required.
- 5.7. 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.

- 5.8. All members of staff will report any safeguarding concerns to the DSL immediately.
- 5.9. 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.

## 6. Data protection

- 6.1. This section of the policy will be enacted in conjunction with the school's Data Protection Policy.
- 6.2. 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.
- 6.3. Sensitive data will only be transferred between devices if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of remote learning and teaching.
- 6.4. 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.
- 6.5. Parents' and pupils' up-to-date contact details will be collected prior to the period of remote learning.
- 6.6. All contact details will be stored in line with the Data Protection Policy
- 6.7. The school will not permit paper copies of contact details to be taken off the school premises.
- 6.8. Pupils are not permitted to let their family members or friends use any school-owned equipment which contains personal data.
- 6.9. Any breach of confidentiality will be dealt with in accordance with the school's data breach policy.

6.10. Any intentional breach of confidentiality will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Behavioural Management Policy or the Disciplinary Policy and Procedure.

## 7. Marking and feedback

- 7.1. All schoolwork completed through remote learning must be:
  - Finished when returned to the relevant member of teaching staff.
  - Returned on or before the deadline set by the relevant member of teaching staff.
  - Completed to the best of the pupil's ability.
  - The pupil's own work.
  - Returned to the pupil, once marked, by an agreed date.
- 7.2. The school expects pupils and staff to maintain a good work ethic during the period of remote learning.
- 7.3. Pupils are accountable for the completion of their own schoolwork - teaching staff will contact parents via Class Dojo, Parentapp, email or telephone if their child is not completing their schoolwork or their standard of work has noticeably decreased.
- 7.4. Teaching staff will monitor the academic progress of pupils with and without access to the online learning resources and discuss additional support or provision with the headteacher as soon as possible.
- 7.5. Teaching staff will monitor the academic progress of pupils with SEND and discuss additional support or provision with the SENCO as soon as possible.
- 7.6. 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.
- 7.7.

## 8. Health and safety

- 8.1. If using electronic devices during remote learning, pupils will be encouraged to take a five-minute screen break every two hours.
- 8.2. Screen break frequency will be adjusted to five minutes every hour for younger pupils or pupils with medical conditions who require more frequent screen breaks.

## 9. School day and absence

- 9.1. Pupils will be present for remote learning between 9:00am and 3pm from Monday to Friday, with the exception of breaks and lunchtimes. Whilst we acknowledge that there are some difficulties, wherever possible, we ask that children be working during this time so that regular feedback to pupils can be given during working hours.
- 9.2. Suggested breaks and lunchtimes will take place at the following times each day:
  - Morning break will take place at 10:30am until 11am.
  - Lunchtime will take place between 12:00 noon and 1pm.
  - Afternoon break will take place at 2:00pm until 2:30pm.

Government guidance suggests Y1 & 2 approximately 3 hours per day. Y3,4,5 & Y6 4 hours per day. For EYFS there no specific guidance.
- 9.3. Pupils are not expected to do schoolwork during the times outlined in paragraph 9.2.
- 9.4. Pupils with SEND or additional medical conditions who require more regular breaks, e.g. sensory breaks, are not expected to do schoolwork during their breaks.
- 9.5. Pupils who are unwell are not expected to be present for remote working until they are well enough to do so.
- 9.6. Parents will inform their child's teacher no later than 9am if their child is unwell. Again we ask for all parents to keep school up to date

with reasons for absence including any pupils showing signs/symptoms of covid.

- 9.7. The school will monitor absence in line with the Attendance Policy.

## **10. Communication**

- 10.1. The school will ensure adequate channels of communication are arranged in the event of an emergency.
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. 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.
- 10.4. Members of staff will have contact with their line manager daily.
- 10.5. As much as possible, all communication with pupils and their parents will take place within the school hours outlined in [section 9](#).
- 10.6. Parents and pupils will inform the relevant member of staff as soon as possible if schoolwork cannot be completed.
- 10.7. 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.
- 10.8. The pupils' teacher will keep parents and pupils informed of any changes to the remote learning arrangements or the schoolwork set.

## **11. Monitoring and review**

- 11.1. This policy will be reviewed regularly during Covid times.
- 11.2. Any changes to this policy will be communicated to all members of staff and other stakeholders.

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

Within the ever-changing circumstances we are currently living through, we must be prepared for local restrictions. If local restrictions apply, the school will implement provision for remote learning to ensure pupils never miss out on education. We will ensure that our curriculum is inclusive and accessible to all. This policy annex outlines additional measures that will be implemented for delivering remote learning during the pandemic.

### **1. Legal framework**

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

- 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'
- DfE (2020) 'Get help with technology during coronavirus (COVID-19)'
- DfE (2020) 'Get laptops and tablets for children who cannot attend school due to coronavirus (COVID-19)'
- DfE (2020) 'How schools can plan for tier 2 local restrictions'
- DfE (2020) 'Laptops, tablets and 4G wireless routers provided during coronavirus (COVID-19)'
- Department of Health & Social Care (2020) 'COVID-19 contain framework: a guide for local decision makers'

### **2. Contingency planning**

2.1 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.

- 2.2 The school will work closely with the local health protection team when local restrictions apply and implement the provisions set within their contingency plan.
- 2.3 The school will communicate its contingency plans for local restrictions 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.
- 2.4 If local restrictions are **not** applied, but a single class or 'bubble' needs to self-isolate, the school will immediately implement remote learning for that group.
- 2.5 The level of remote learning provision required will be based on the government's four tiers of local restrictions. Where there are no local restrictions in place, the school will continue to remain fully open to all, and these tiers will not apply.

#### **Tier 1 local restrictions**

- 2.6 The school will remain open if tier 1 restrictions are in place, and remote learning will not be provided at this time.

#### **Tier 2 local restrictions**

- 2.7 The school will remain open if tier 2 restrictions are in place, and remote learning will not be provided at this time.

#### **Tier 3 local restrictions**

- 2.11 The school will remain open if tier 3 restrictions are in place, and remote learning will not be provided at this time.

#### **Tier 4 local restrictions**

- 2.14 The school will limit on-site attendance to just vulnerable children and young people. All other pupils will receive remote education in line with section 3 of this appendix.

### **3. Teaching and learning**

- 3.1 All pupils will have access to high-quality education when remote working.
- 3.2 The school will use a range of teaching methods to cater for all different learning styles.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 When teaching pupils who are working remotely, teachers will:
  - Set assignments 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.
  - Plan a programme that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school, ideally including daily contact with teachers.
- 3.5 All provisions for remote learning will be subject to the class group's age, ability and/or any SEND.
- 3.6 Teachers will continue to make use of formative assessments throughout the academic year, e.g. quizzes.
- 3.7 The school will utilise the support available through the DfE's 'Get help with technology during coronavirus (COVID-19)' scheme.
- 3.8 Under the scheme, the school can order laptops, tablets and 4G wireless routers to support the following groups of pupils if they do

not have access to a digital device or the internet through other means:

- Pupils in Years 3 to 11
- Clinically extremely vulnerable children across all year groups who are shielding or self-isolating in line with government advice
- Children in all year groups who are unable to access remote education whilst attending school on a hospital site

3.9 Before distributing devices, the school will ensure:

- The devices are set up to access remote education.
- Appropriate safeguarding controls and support are in place to help pupils and their families use the devices safely.

3.10 Once devices are ready for collection, the school will either arrange for them to be collected by families from school or delivered to pupils' homes, ensuring infection control measures are adhered to as part of this process.

#### **4. Returning to school**

- 4.1 The headteacher will work with the LA to ensure pupils only return to school when it is safe for them to do so.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 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.

#### **5. Monitoring and review**

- 5.1 This policy annex will be reviewed in line with any updates to government guidance.
- 5.2 All changes to the policy will be communicated to relevant members of the school community.