

KS5 Remote Learning

Information for parents/carers of students who are self-isolating

We want to support your son/daughter with their remote learning whilst absent from school.

This document provides more information about remote learning and should be read alongside information on self-isolation which can be found on the main page of the School's website.

Actively learning from home is dependent on your son/daughter being well enough to complete this work and we recognise that everyone's circumstances are different. Therefore, please only follow this plan if your son/daughter is well enough to complete work.

Please do keep us informed of any issues by contacting us via sixthform@highamlaneschool.co.uk or if it is urgent by telephoning the school on 02476 388123.

What happens if your son/daughter is self-isolating for a period of up to 14 days but the majority of the year group is in school?

This may be because someone in your household has tested positive or because your son/daughter is showing symptoms and is awaiting a test.

1. Please request work for your son/daughter when you inform us of the Covid-related absence. Work will then be set by the classroom teacher using Google Classroom. Students should complete the work that has been set if they are well enough to do so.
2. All students should follow their normal timetable during their absence from school.
3. Your son/daughter should have by now accepted invites for all classes. If you still require help with Google Classroom, all instructions can be found on the main page of the School's website, simply click on Remote Learning.

What type of work will be set?

In the majority of lessons, your son/daughter will follow the same work as students who are in school and will receive any written feedback in the same way. There may be occasions where this is difficult to do (such as in practical subjects for example) but s/he will still continue to study the curriculum in a similar way as if s/he was in school.

What happens if my son/daughter wishes to complete additional work?

There are many options that your son/daughter could explore:

- Use the many online resources that are available for each subject. For example, MyMaths, Linguascope, QuizLit, Seneca Learning to secure knowledge and understanding.
- Complete work using purchased Revision Guides
- Look through archived lessons from the summer term when we were using Google Classroom – there are opportunities to recap and review topics that were studied. Subject quizzes can still be completed for example.

- Use the specification checklists to recap and review knowledge that is currently being studied.
- Ensure all FOTs from teacher feedback have been completed.
- Complete any incomplete questions from other lesson resources.
- Use the Futurelearn website to complete MOOCs and watch subject related TED talks.
- Read for pleasure using a private reading book.

How should my son/daughter organise their time when learning from home?

We would recommend aiming to replicate the school day and ways of working as is most possible from home.

Therefore, your son/daughter should follow the normal timetable. This will give the day a clear structure and time can be built-in for break and lunch. Having frequent short breaks (at the end of each lesson in school, students have short breaks as they move to their next lesson) will also help with concentration.

Your son/daughter should spend around 45-50 minutes on each lesson during the day.

S/he should also have a workspace and the necessary equipment to learn effectively. We would also recommend that your son/daughter uses Google Classroom to inform the class teacher of the progress that is being made.

How do I keep track of the work my son/daughter is doing through Google Classroom?

As you will be aware we are launching Google Classroom email summaries, a facility whereby on a weekly basis parents/carers will be emailed a summary of work undertaken by your son/daughter through Google Classroom. It will show work submitted and also work that is still due. More information on this will be communicated shortly to you.

What should my son/daughter do when they return to school?

Students should be proactive and ensure that they have do the following:

- Show their teachers work completed during the remote learning period.
- Ask if there is anything else that they have missed during this time.
- Ask for advice if they are experiencing any difficulties with the content of lessons on their return to school.

Please remember that we recognise that everyone's home circumstances are different. We also recognise that some students will find remote learning a challenge. We know that all students will do the best they can in these circumstances. However, we do not want students to become overly anxious about falling behind or not completing all of the work that is set by teachers. Likewise, we know that there may be issues with access to technology. Please continue to keep in contact with us via your son/daughter's form tutor in the first instance using sixthform@highamlaneschool.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

