



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Remote Learning Policy

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We are committed to providing a positive working environment which is free from prejudice and unlawful discrimination and any form of harassment, bullying or victimisation. We have developed a number of key policies to ensure that the principles of Catholic Social Teaching in relation to human dignity and dignity in work become embedded into every aspect of school life and these policies are reviewed regularly in this regard.

This Remote Learning Policy has been approved and adopted by St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School on 1st September 2025 and will be reviewed in September 2026.

Signed by LGB representative for St Francis Xavier:

Ms C.Cullen

Signed by Principal:

Miss L.Marshall

School Mission Statement

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1. Statement of School's Curriculum Aims

St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School aims to deliver a curriculum which is relevant for our pupils the community in which they live. We have aimed to create an ambitious and engaging curriculum which engages pupils and therefore has a positive impact on learning.

2. Aims

This Remote Education Policy aims to:

- Ensure consistency in the approach to remote learning for all pupils (Inc. SEND) who are not in school, through use of quality online and offline resources and teaching videos
 - Provide clear expectations to members of the school community with regards to delivering high quality, interactive remote learning
 - Include continuous delivery of the school curriculum aims, as far as possible, as well as support of pupils' social and emotional wellbeing
 - Consider continued education for staff and parents (e.g. CPD, Parents Workshops and Meet the Teacher)
 - Support effective communication between the school and families and support attendance

3. Content and Tools to Deliver This Remote Education Plan

Resources to deliver this Remote Education Plan include:

- Online tools for EYFS, KS1 & KS2 *Purple Mash, Microsoft Teams* and *Zoom* when appropriate (also used for staff CPD and parent/carer sessions)
- Use of recorded video (*or live video*) for a beginning-of-day welcome, instructional videos and assemblies
- Phone calls home (where staff are present on site)
- Printed learning packs (where necessary)
- Physical materials such as story books and writing tools (where available)
- Use of other online resources such as *BBC Teach, BBC Bitesize, Oak Academy, TT Rockstars, Sumdog Maths, White Rose Maths, Classroom Secrets, Hamilton Trust*.

Remote learning should be carried out in line with the following:

- Teacher and Pupil Code of Conduct for Phone calls, Video calls and Recorded Video (Appendix 3)

4. Home and School Partnership

St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School is committed to working in close partnership with families and recognises each family is unique and because of this, remote learning will look different for different families in order to suit their individual needs.

Where possible, it is beneficial for young people to maintain a regular and familiar routine. St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School would recommend that each 'school day' maintains structure.

We would encourage parents to support their children's work, including finding an appropriate place to work and, to the best of their ability, support pupils with work encouraging them to work with good levels of concentration.

Every effort will be made by staff to ensure that work is set promptly. Should accessing work be an issue, parents/carers should contact the class teacher promptly and alternative solutions may be available. These will be discussed on case-to-case basis.

We would encourage parents/carers to familiarise themselves with the St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School's online safety policy.

All children are expected to follow the same e-safety rules they would at school.

5. Roles and responsibilities

Teachers

When providing remote learning, teachers must be available during their normal working hours.

If they are unable to work for any reason during this time, for example due to sickness or caring for a dependent, they should report this using the normal absence procedure.

When providing remote learning, teachers are responsible for: Providing contact with pupils:

- Provide contact through class Dojo between the hours of 8.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday.
- Weekly phone calls of children not engaging with remote learning and fortnightly phone calls for all pupils. All calls logged on spreadsheet.
- Any concerns regarding engagement or safeguarding are reported to DSL and SLT immediately.

Setting work:

- Teachers will set tasks so that pupils have meaningful and ambitious work each day in a number of different subjects, provided in a variety of different formats
- Teachers will provide clear expectations of new content in each lesson through high quality curriculum resources or videos
- Teachers will set differentiated work for the pupils in their class each lesson and where possible, ensure individualised resources are provided, in line with outside agency guidance, for those children with additional needs

- Ensure that where remote learning cannot be accessed by a pupil due to need or ability, other provision of work packs and practical tasks are set and the necessary resources provided.
- Ensure that where remote learning cannot be accessed by a pupil due to need or ability, other provision is set and resourced appropriately.
- Ensure any concerns regarding pupils with SEND are referred through the appropriate channels to the SENDCo and any further support measures put in place.
- The work set should follow the usual timetable, including ensuring it is of equivalent length to the teaching pupils would receive in school
- Teachers will set work on Purple Mash and select objectives relevant to the learning

Providing feedback on work:

All work will be responded to as soon as practically possible by teachers or teaching assistants, but will be guided by the following:

- Work submitted during the lesson time will be responded to, as soon as practically possible.

Keeping in touch with pupils who aren't in school and their parents:

- If there is a concern around the level of engagement of a pupil(s) at the end of the second day of absence, teachers will inform the Pastoral Lead, Principal and Vice Principal, who will arrange for parents/carers to be contacted via phone to access whether school intervention can assist engagement.
- All parent/carer emails should come through the school office account or directly through class Dojo (details sent via email, please contact the school office if a copy is needed).
- Any concerns shared by parents or pupils should be reported to a member of SLT – for any safeguarding concerns, refer immediately to the DSL
- Following the code of conduct for remote learning and discussing with SLT if they feel they are unable to meet these requirements.
- In the event of a whole school closure, teachers will monitor levels of engagement via Purple Mash. A programme of weekly phone calls will commence and be recorded. Children not engaging with online learning will be prioritised, with teachers establishing reasons for poor engagement. Appropriate solutions to be discussed with SLT, including providing access to digital equipment, printed resources or access to school. Decisions to be made on a case by case basis. If a parent cannot be contacted, a message will be left – if this happens twice, with no contact, details to be passed on to SLT.

Support staff:

Support staff must be available during their normal working hours. If they are unable to work for any reason during this time, for example due to sickness or caring for a dependent, they should report this using the normal absence procedure.

When supporting remote learning, teaching assistants are responsible for:

- Supporting pupils learning
- Take direction from the class teacher in relation to support required during a remote lesson
- Support the class teachers in providing individualised resources, in line with outside agency guidance, for those children with additional needs

- Following the code of conduct for remote learning and discussing with SLT if they feel they are unable to meet these requirements
- Referring any safeguarding concerns to a DSL immediately
- During the school day, support staff may also be required to complete tasks set by a member of SLT

Senior Leaders:

Alongside any teaching responsibilities, senior leaders are responsible for:

- Co-ordinating the remote learning approach across the school inc. monitoring of engagement and quality provision
- Monitoring the effectiveness of remote learning, through usual monitoring channels and processes and share this at Senior Leadership Team meetings and subsequent Staff Meetings.
- Share any adaptations to remote learning with parents/carers
- Monitoring the security of remote learning systems, including data protection and safeguarding considerations

Designated safeguarding lead

The DSL is responsible for managing and dealing with all safeguarding concerns. For further information, please see the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy- this includes ensuring weekly and regular review of online filtering systems and alerts.

IT Technician

IT technician is responsible for:

- Fixing issues with systems used to set and collect work
- Helping staff with any technical issues they're experiencing
- Reviewing the security of remote learning systems and flagging any data protection breaches to the data protection officer

The SENDCO

Liaising with the ICT technicians to ensure that the technology used for remote learning is accessible to all pupils and that reasonable adjustments are made where required.

- Ensuring that pupils with EHC plans continue to have their needs met while learning remotely, and liaising with the principal and other organisations to make any alternate arrangements for pupils with EHC plans
- Identifying the level of support
- Monitoring quality of work set for children with additional needs

Pupils and parents

Staff can expect **pupils** learning remotely to:

- Familiarise themselves with the Code of Conduct for video calls
- Log onto Purple Mash at the beginning of the school day

- Check the timetable and work for each lesson throughout the day
- Complete work set by teachers
- Seek help if they need it, from teachers or learning support
- Alert teachers if they're not able to complete work

Parents can support their child's remote learning by:

- Support children in understanding the Code of Conduct for video calls
- Make the school aware if their child is sick or otherwise can't complete work
- Seek help from the school if they need it
- Ensure pupils are supervised whilst at a computer or other device
- Familiarise themselves with e-safety guidelines
- Prioritise children's wellbeing and health
- Encourage child(ren) to do their best
- Be respectful when making any concerns known to staff
- Parents can support staff by respecting the protocols in place for safe and healthy working conditions for staff, particularly concerning the time of contacting staff.

Access to digital or online Learning

We recognise that some pupils may not have suitable online access at home. We take the following approaches to support these pupils:

- Completing initial questionnaires/phone calls of children not engaging with online work, to establish how children access their learning. We ensure children can access Purple Mash at home and have an appropriate device to access learning. Where pupils do not have an appropriate device, they will be applied for and distributed accordingly.
- Staff will monitor and record pupil engagement and calls will be made as necessary – staff to discuss with parents methods to help children engage in work or any technical information such as uploading and recording work.
- If children are struggling to engage online and no device is available, hard copies of work, or a place in school will be offered.

Academy Committee

The local academy committee is responsible for:

- Monitoring the school's approach to providing remote learning to ensure education remains as high quality as possible
- Ensuring that staff are certain that remote learning systems are appropriately secure, for both data protection and safeguarding reasons

This policy reflects the DfE guidance found in '*Providing remote education information to parents*'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/providing-remote-education-information-to-parents-template>

Appendix 1

Example Model timetable for school closure (*will be adapted by teachers to reflect in-school timetable*)

Time	Activity
8.30am	Welcome session- good morning and morning prayer- see Purple Mash
9:15am	Reading/Writing/Maths — set on Purple Mash
10:15am	Break
10:30am	Reading/Writing/Maths — set on Purple Mash
11:30am	Handwriting/Spellings/
12:00pm	Lunch (don't forget to say your prayers) followed by free time
1:00pm	R.E./Topic/Science/Physical Activity – Set on Purple Mash
2:00pm	R.E./Topic/Science/Physical Activity/Collective Worship – Set on Purple Mash
3:15pm	End of day prayer and dismissal

Example Model timetable for school closure- Reception (*will be adapted by teachers to reflect in-school timetable*)

Time	Activity
8.30am	Welcome - good morning, morning prayer, story and/or song time
9:20am	Maths (including play-based activity ideas)
10:15am	Snack and Break
10:40am	Phonics
11.00am	Handwriting/Fine Motor Skills
11:10am	Play Based Learning Activities
12:00pm	Lunch (don't forget to say your prayers) followed by free time
1:00pm	R.E./Topic/Physical Activity
1.45pm	Break
2:00pm	Play Based Learning Activities
2.40pm	Collective Worship
3:15pm	End of day prayer

Appendix 2

Example Model timetable for event- small number of pupils- eg class closure

Time	Activity
8:30am	Welcome - good morning, morning prayer, story and/or song time
9:00am	Maths activity on Purple Mash
10:00am	Short brain break – any activity that takes you away from school work
10:05am	English activity on Purple Mash
11:15am	Handwriting/Spelling/Collective Worship/Reading
12:00pm	Lunch (don't forget to say your prayers) followed by free time
1:00pm	Topic, Science or RE activity on Purple Mash
2:00pm	Short brain break – any activity that takes you away from school work
2:05pm	Topic, Science or RE activity on Purple Mash
3:15pm	End of day prayer

Appendix 3

Code of Conduct for phone calls, videocalls and recorded video

For Pupils

- I will not reveal my passwords to anyone
- I will be responsible for my behaviour and actions when using technology (Purple Mash and Other interactive applications), this includes the resources I access and the language I use
- I will make sure that all my communication with pupils, teachers or others using technology is responsible and sensible
- I will not deliberately browse, download, upload or forward material that could be considered inappropriate. If I accidentally come across any such material I will report it immediately to my teacher or my parent/carer
- I will not share resources or videos created by my teachers with anyone who is not a pupil or member of staff at Our lady and St Hubert's Catholic Primary School
- I will not record or take photos of my classmates or teachers during a face-to-face session.
- I will not share any school content on social media platforms
- I understand that when using applications provided by the school that my use can be monitored and logged and can be made available to my teachers
- I will continue to follow the rules (where applicable to home learning) regarding my use of technology
- I understand that these rules are designed to help keep me safe and that if they are not followed, school sanctions will be applied and my parent/carer may be contacted

For Staff

- To continue to follow Safeguarding procedures, including (but not limited to) continuing to lookout for signs that a child may be at risk and reporting to DSLs
- Staff must only use platforms agreed by the school to communicate with pupils, and it is the responsibility of the teachers to check content and comments
- 1:1 video call is strictly prohibited – On no occasion should staff make or take video calls with pupil
- Wherever possible, another member of staff should be present/logged into live video calls
- Suitable clothing should be worn by all adult, in line with school Policy
- Language and behaviour must be professional and appropriate
- Staff should ensure they are working from a suitable area at home, especially when using live video or recorded video
- Staff must ensure any background in videos (including background noise) is appropriate. This includes ensuring other household members are not included in any live lesson or video
- Staff should ensure there is always a meeting password and waiting room enabled for live video calling
- Staff will follow usual behaviour management techniques, used in school, to address any positive or concerning behaviour
- Staff will contact parents/carers by email if pupils do not adhere to their Code of Conduct

Appendix 4

Pupil Acceptable Use Policy Rules for responsible Internet Use

Usually applied in school, should be adhered to where appropriate for home learning

The school has installed computers and Internet access to help our learning. These rules will keep everyone safe and help us be fair to others:

- I will only access the system with my own login and password, which I will keep secret
- I will not access other people's files
- I will only use the computers for schoolwork and homework
- I will use the Internet safely and sensibly
- When using the internet including a 'chat room' facility, I will not give my home address or telephone/mobile number, respond to requests using SMS or even arrange to meet someone, unless my parent, carer or teacher has given permission
- I will only e-mail people I know, or my teacher has approved
- Files attached to an email should be appropriate to the body of the email and not include any inappropriate materials or anything that threatens the integrity of the school ICT system
- The messages I send will be polite and responsible
- I will report any unpleasant material or messages sent to me. I understand my report would be confidential and would help protect other pupils and myself

I understand that the school may check my computer files and may monitor the Internet

