

Mousehold Infant & Nursery School



Title of Policy:
Remote and Home Learning Policy

Subject Leader/Contact Person:

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This policy has been developed, reviewed & adopted as follows:

	Date of Draft	Date Agreed	Date of Review	Date of Review	Date of Review
Staff	February 2021				
Trustee					

School Aims:	Respect, Help, Learn, Enjoy, Achieve.
School Self Review:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How high are standards? • Pupils' attitudes, values & personal development. • How well are pupils taught? • How good are curricular & learning opportunities? • How well does the school care for its pupils? • How well is the school led & managed? • How well does the school work in partnership with parents? • How effective is the school?

Signed: (Headteacher)

Signed: (Trustee)

Rationale:

At Mousehold Infant and Nursery School we understand the need to continually deliver high quality education, including during periods of remote working – 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 working, such as online safety, access to educational resources, data protection, and safeguarding.

Specific Aims

1. To outline our approach for pupils that will not be attending school, as a result of government guidance - individual children who may be self-isolating or the closure of a class bubble.
2. To outline our expectations for staff that will not be attending school due to self-isolation but that are otherwise fit and healthy and able to continue supporting the school with the teaching, marking and planning for pupils.

Who is the policy applicable to?

Every child is expected to attend school from September 3rd 2020. In line with government guidance, pupils, staff and families should self-isolate if they display any of the following symptoms:

A continuous, dry cough

A high temperature above 37.8°C

A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste

Have had access to a test and this has returned a positive result for Covid-19

Any child self-isolating due to returning from a holiday abroad

Any child absent due to being contacted by NHS track and trace or isolating due to a family member with symptoms.

This policy is intended to outline expectations for a class bubble suspension, partial school closure relating to COVID-19 and individual cases or for any absence related to COVID and self-isolation. Individual pupils who are isolating due to the above government guidance or those with long-term health issues and choose not return to school in September, will be supported on a **case-by-case basis**, primarily with the use of online tools and resources, which mirror the work being taught to the rest of the class in school. This will be provided weekly.

Who is this policy NOT for?

Pupils who do not have to self-isolate for 14 days

Parents choosing to keep children at home due to parental choice

Children who are ill but are not displaying COVID related symptoms

Children who are on holiday

Any reason given contrary to official Government guidance

Remote learning for pupils

We will provide online tools and resources as well as links to appropriate remote learning for pupils that are not able to attend school so that no-one needs to fall behind. In the following points, an outline of the provision will be made and some guidance given on the role of pupils, teachers and parents. In the event of a child awaiting test results, activities relating to the current week's learning will be provided from the end of Day 1 where school is informed of Covid related absence relating to the statements identified above.

The Trust and Senior Leadership team at Mousehold Infant and Nursery are fully aware that these are exceptional times, each family is unique and because of this, should approach home learning in a way which suits their individual needs. We realise that the circumstances that cause our school to close will affect families in a number of ways. In our planning and expectations, we are aware of the need for flexibility from all sides.

Teacher expectations

Teachers will plan activities and or learning tasks that are relevant to the curriculum focus for that class 'Bubble' and endeavour to supply resources to support tasks for home learners. Following guidance from Public Health England, when a 'bubble' of children is asked to self-isolate and stay at home, a text message/phone call will be made immediately followed by an accompanying letter will be sent via Parent Mail informing them of the developing situation. The website bubble information will continue to be updated for all parents daily, detailing the status of each bubble.

For individual pupils who are self-isolating and absent from school, all pupils have access to Mousehold Infant and Nursery School's Itslearning website. Work will be available on this Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) for pupils to complete online during the first 24 hours of isolation whilst staff prepare for longer term remote teaching. Where required, pupils will be provided work packs to complete.

We will teach broadly the same curriculum remotely as we do in school. The children will continue to follow the same weekly timetable remotely that they follow at school with a focus on prioritising early reading and phonics and core

skills in writing and number. However, we may need to make some adaptations in some subjects. For example, we may modify art and craft activities to fit with resources you may have at home. We may also modify activities to ensure that they do not require significant adult intervention. Where school-based resources are required for lessons, adaptations will be made to the lesson to ensure that pupils can access the learning. Live teaching will not be offered as we are aware that this is not appropriate/accessible for many of our families. There are large numbers of children who have to share access to an IT device with other siblings or with parents who are working.

Teachers and School Leaders will respond, within reason, to requests for support from families at home. This will be done through emailing the school office: officemousehold@istnorfolk.co.uk

Should a staff member require support with the use of technology, it is their responsibility to seek this support in school and Senior Leaders will ensure that support is given promptly.

Family (pupil/parent/guardian) role

- Where possible, it is beneficial for young people to maintain a regular and familiar routine. Mousehold Infant and Nursery would recommend that each 'school day' maintains structure.
- Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) children are expected to have 3 hours a day on average, with less for younger children. This expectation has been set by the Department of Education.
- Our provision for remote education including, prepared online activities, reading, independent work and story time, is in line with this expectation.
- A link to our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) can be found under Parents, Learning Links on the school website, or by going to, <https://norfolk.itslearning.com/>
- Teachers and School Leaders will respond, within reason, to requests for support from families at home. This will be done through emailing the school office on: officemousehold@istnorfolk.co.uk
- We aim to deal with any request for support or feedback by the next working day. This will be dependent on the time of request and circumstances within school.
- We would encourage parents to support their children's work, by viewing the work set together, and then making appropriate plans to complete the work. This can include finding an appropriate place to work and, to the best of their ability, supporting pupils with their learning and encouraging them to work with good levels of concentration.
- Children should be supervised in their use of the Internet.
- Every effort will be made by staff to ensure that work is set promptly on the VLE but school cannot guarantee that the platform will work on all

devices. Should accessing work be an issue, parents should contact school and alternative solutions will be made available (e.g., paper copies of work, workbooks and loaning of stationary equipment or devices where possible). These will be discussed on a case-to-case basis.

- Well-being is at the forefront of our thoughts and we would advise the need for children to take regular breaks, get fresh air, exercise and maintain a reasonable balance between online engagement and offline activities. If you or your child are having any difficulties, please let us know. We are always here to help.

Remote teaching for staff who are self-isolating

Teaching staff are required to self-isolate if they or anyone in their household shows symptoms outlined at the start of this policy or they have been told to shield and/or have received a letter to confirm this or have been contacted by NHS Track and Trace, or any reason given in accordance to official Government guidance. If a member of staff is required to self-isolate, they are expected to:

- Follow normal reporting procedure for planned absence.
- Following contact with school, the Head of School may set up a referral to Occupational Health to support that individual.
- It is expected that staff get tested if displaying any of the listed above. Should a staff member be tested, it is expected, as per national guidance, to share the result of this test with school as soon as possible so that appropriate plans can be made.
- Whilst self-isolating, and if able to do so, teaching assistants and non-teaching staff will be given an individual project to work on which is in line with whole school improvement priorities or asked to support with the online learning provision. These projects will be communicated by the Senior Leadership Team or Class Teacher and will be allocated on a case-by-case basis.
- If unwell themselves, teachers will be covered by another staff member for the sharing of activities. Communication and planning during this time will not be undertaken until the teacher is fit to work. Should staffing levels reach a critical point, the Local Authority will be informed.

Feedback for pupils using remote learning.

In line with the Department for Education's guidance, Mousehold Infant and Nursery will be giving feedback on work submitted through our remote learning platform.

We understand the importance of parents being able to contact staff. Facilitating and maintaining communication between the school and families is also an important way of creating a sense of community whilst we are all distanced.

Feedback can take many forms and may not always mean extensive written comments for individual children. We use the It'slearning VLE as a consistent online tool that allows interaction, assessment and feedback.

Our approach to feeding back on pupil work is as follows:

- Pupils will receive feedback on work submitted to the VLE from their class teacher. This may be a simple “like” or a more in-depth comment.
- Regular contact will be made with families via phone call from class teachers. Staff can also be contacted via telephone or email for any concerns or queries that arise.