

Remote Learning Provision

'Working together to achieve success'

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We are incredibly sad that you are unable to be in school with us due to the class / school closure. Teachers and teaching assistants have been working hard to make sure you can access your learning remotely at home using Seesaw. They will also phone you on a regular basis to see how you are, offer support and provide you with feedback about your learning. If you ever need additional support, whether it's financial, health related or linked to behaviour, please get in touch with us as soon as possible using the usual channels and the relevant person will get in touch to help. Call 850736, private FB message or email admin@mossgate.lancs.sch.uk.

How will I access remote learning?

During the closure, we will provide you with a variety of online lessons and other learning activities through the Seesaw app, which can be accessed by downloading the free Seesaw app on your tablet or smart phone, or by googling Seesaw and logging in online.

Please note that when we have used Seesaw in school, our older iPads have not supported the interactive tools needed in Seesaw to complete work or allowed the Oak Academy teaching videos to play.



How can I access remote learning if my child doesn't have a device or internet access?

If you are struggling with devices, please call or email (head@mossgate.lancs.sch.uk) me. I will prioritise the devices we have available in school so you can access remote learning. Please contact Miss Turnbull in the office by phone or email (bursar@mossgate.lancs.sch.uk) if you are struggling with internet access. We can provide wireless routers and also support you to increase your mobile phone data allowance.

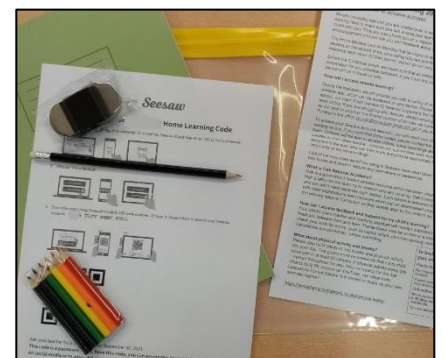
Scan this code using Seesaw's built-in QR code scanner. Or type in these letters to access your account: **DUVU VTAQ** [blacked out] **NYYN**

Example text and QR code which you will need to access your child's account.

To access your Seesaw account securely, you will need your child's QR or text code. These will normally be in your child's reading record, but please contact us and we can send the details by text, email or private FB message. Children will be able to access videos, voice recordings and activities, which have been set and / or created by their class teacher. Children will submit their work directly to their class teacher / teaching assistant in the app, who can then mark and provide appropriate feedback, either through written comments or sound recordings.

How will my child be taught remotely?

Through Seesaw, teachers will upload lessons daily. Where possible, these will be uploaded the day before so you have the opportunity to familiarise yourself with the content in advance of using the lessons with your child.



Some lessons will require 'paper and pen' and your child may be asked to submit a photo of their notes or recordings. All children will be provided with a learning pack to take home which will contain: an exercise book, stationery (pencil, rubber, sharpener, colours etc) and a 'Remote Learning' letter (including passwords for Y2 and KS2 children for IDL, TTRS and AR – see later in the letter for more info).

English, Maths and Topic lessons will be available every day. For children in Reception and KS1, additional phonics sessions will also be uploaded which closely match the sounds they would be learning in school at this time. For each subject, your child's teacher will plan a sequence of lessons around a topic or unit. It is

important that your child completes the lessons in the correct order, so if you miss a lesson due to a valid reason like illness, please pick-up from the last completed lesson.

Teachers will use a range of approaches with materials taken from a range of sources including BBC, White Rose, Twinkl and others. Most of the lessons will use recorded teaching videos which have been adapted from the Oak Academy website. Some sessions will be live with your teacher through platforms like Zoom enabling the whole class to come together.

What is Oak Academy?

Oak National Academy is a government funded website resource which has been created to support schools so they can offer high quality remote learning to children. Oak's lessons can be accessed on any device and you don't need usernames or passwords. Each lesson is delivered by a teacher, over a pre-recorded video, with clear explanations and resources which can be downloaded separately. The materials are all linked to the primary national curriculum, and have been chosen by your child's teacher as they align to the content which would be taught in school.



Will they get the same curriculum at home through remote learning?

We teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school wherever possible. However, we have needed to make some adaptations in some subjects. For example, teaching electricity in Y4 isn't possible at home because the equipment needed for the practical investigations wouldn't be available at home. Therefore, some topics may need to be moved, but the curriculum content will be appropriate for your child's year and match the key learning we would normally teach.

How can I access feedback and support for my child's learning?

Your child's class teacher and teaching assistant will monitor submitted work throughout the school day and provide appropriate feedback. Depending on the task, the feedback may be thumbs up or short comment, include annotations and longer comments or a voice recording. Please make sure you check your work for errors, such as capital letters, common spelling mistakes, sentence structure, calculations are correct etc. before submitting.

We will also use online quizzes and other forms of assessment to provide feedback. This may include online quiz platforms like Kahoot or scheduled Zoom sessions. When using other online platforms, clear expectations will be shared with children and parents in advance, with those not following the agreement prohibited from joining future sessions.

Teachers and teaching assistants will also check levels of engagement daily. If we have concerns, the class teacher will phone you to discuss these and agree clear next steps with you to ensure your child is learning. If concerns continue, a senior leader may visit your home daily to speak to parents and children.

Is lockdown making you worried or sad?

Family finding it tough?
Nervous about going back to school?
There's somewhere safe to get help and support.
Call us free on 0800 157 7015
We're there **9am-9pm Monday to Friday, and 10am-6pm at weekends.**
Or visit **[barnardos.org.uk/c19](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/c19)**



What additional support will be on offer?

We recognise that some children, for example those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), may not be able to access remote education without support from adults at home. Teachers will contact parents to discuss the best ways in which we can support you and your child to ensure they are successful. Depending on the level of needs, we may invite your child to attend school or set work from a year group which closely matches their next steps in learning. We will also sign-post families to external support through Facebook, newsletters and texts.

If families are struggling in any way, contact the school office or your class teacher and we will support you in any way we can. Support available includes financial (food, utility bills, household appliances, uniform etc), emotional and mental wellbeing or learning support.

How do I structure the day?

We have produced the suggested timetable below to help you organise the day. The government have asked schools to provide a minimum, on average, of three hours a day for younger children in Reception and KS1, and four hours for KS2 as a minimum.

We understand that many parents will be working from home and juggling work pressures, child care and remote learning.

This is why we assign lessons and activities daily through Seesaw, so you can structure your child's day to meet the demands of your family life. We have included a suggested timetable below to support you and provide ideas. Please remember that younger children struggle to concentrate so make sure you break the lessons / activities up and have lots of breaks. Please always prioritise reading, English (including phonics in Reception and KS1) and Maths as well as time to exercise and have fun as a family!

	Morning part 1	Morning part 2	Afternoon
Reception & Y1	Phonics Lesson Home Reading Book Break and Physical Activity English Lesson	Maths Lesson Physical Activity Lunch	Newsround Topic and or / Physical Activity Home Reading Book
Y2 & KS2	IDL Literacy* Home Reading Book Maths Lesson Break and Physical Activity	English Lesson IDL Numeracy* Lunch and Physical Activity	Newsround Times Tables Rock Stars* Topic and or / Physical Activity Home Reading Book

* Online accounts for children in Y2 and KS2. The questions are personalised for your child based on recent assessments and tasks.

Build in time to watch the daily Newsround programme and then research a news item which has interested you the most. Programmes are usually between 5 - 10 minutes long and updated by 12:30 daily.

Can my child still access home reading books?

Yes. As you know, we promote and prioritise reading as much as possible at Moss Gate and we want our children to continue to have access to reading books when learning remotely. Completed reading books can be dropped daily by placing them in the boxes in the bike shelter at the front of school. If you drop them off before 12pm, we will change them so they are ready to collect from 2:45pm the same day. Please ensure returned books are clearly labelled with your child's name. Returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours to ensure that when they are placed back into general circulation, they are free from bugs and viruses.

Can my child complete their AR reading quizzes at home?

Once your child has finished their home reading book, they can access their Accelerated Reader account and complete an online quiz. (Web link shortcut on our school homepage. **You can't google AR and login as you need the specific web address below.**) Please remind them to use the book to help them to answer the questions rather than trying to remember! Staff from your child's class will monitor their results, like we do in school. Children should be scoring 80% or higher to show they have read and understood the book. If they score lower, we may reset the quiz so they can have another go.

Accelerated Reader (KS2 and some Y2) Username:	https://ukhosted8.renlearn.co.uk/2255534/
	A web link has been created on the school's homepage. Password: abc


What about physical activity and breaks?

Please also build plenty of rest breaks and physical activity into your day. The government recommends that every child takes part in at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day – spread throughout the day. Why not search for the Joe Wickes daily PE lessons on YouTube, use ideas from Lancashire School Games (<https://lancashireschoolgames.co.uk/previous-week/>) or make up your own exercise regime?

Are there any other learning activities my child can access?

Children in Y2 and KS2 can log into their personalised Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) and IDL (online spelling and reading platform) accounts using the usernames and passwords below. Again, web link shortcuts have been provided on our school homepage. They should be very familiar with these as we use them frequently in school. We suggest children use these daily for at least 20 minutes each.

Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice.	IDL Literacy is a multi-sensory system to support spelling and reading.	IDL Maths supports number and shape. Questions based on your child's last online placement test.
Username: Password:	Username: Password:	



When you take part in a live session, families agree to use their **Mossgate values** of **courtesy, kindness, respect, responsibility, honesty and courage** at all times.

Housekeeping guidelines:

1. Change names to initials or nicknames and ensure your background is suitable (blank wall or use visual effects)
2. Keep your microphone on mute until invited to speak
3. Use the 'hands up' option to indicate you wish to take part
4. Have the resources needed for the sessions in advance
5. Ensure personal information stays private
6. Refrain from taking photos, videos or screen grabs – permission needed
7. Raise any concerns with an adult – either teacher or parent
8. Sharing of links not permitted unless allowed by a teacher

Will there be opportunities for children at home to interact with their friends?

We will use online platforms like Zoom, to organise weekly celebration assemblies with invitations sent to parents in advance. As staff and families become more familiar with online technologies available, we will organise other opportunities and activities. The aim is to ensure that all children feel connected, less isolated and part of their class community.

Behaviour expectations and housekeeping guidelines are shared in advance to ensure the sessions run safely.

What happens when my child has to self-isolate but the school is open to most children?

Where individual children need to self-isolate, but the majority of their peer group remains in school, a slightly different approach will be used to support families with remote learning. Teachers will mostly set activities from the Oak Academy website which will align as much as possible with the learning taking place in school. A separate letter is available which provides more information and will be provided to parents who have children isolating.

Best of luck with your home learning, take care and stay safe. Please remember to contact us if you need any help or support. We look forward to seeing you all very soon, back at school.

Mr Smith and the Mossgate team

Struggling to afford food and other essential items due to financial hardship caused by Covid-19?



Support available for short-term living costs such as food, gas and electric, school uniforms and essential household appliances.

To be eligible for the scheme you must be:

- a resident of the Lancaster City Council district and aged 16 years or over
- on a low income or in receipt of one of the following benefits: Universal Credit, Jobseeker's Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Income Support or Pension Credit

Call (01524) 582000 Mon to Fri, 9am to 5pm

Have your circumstances changed?



You could be eligible for weekly supermarket vouchers worth £15 per child during the lockdown and Free School Meals when school reopens fully.

For help or advice, please contact school. 

Call 850736, email head@mossgate.lancs.sch.uk / bursar@mossgate.lancs.sch.uk or private FB message.