



Home learning support

When will my child need to learn from home?

- > If your child has to **self-isolate** because of a confirmed case of Covid-19 within their bubble.
- > If there's a **local lockdown** and the school is advised to partially close or your child has to shield.

What's my child expected to do?

We're determined to keep all of our pupils on-track this year and make sure no one falls behind if they need to learn from home because of coronavirus. So, we want to make sure your child can learn as much as possible at home. The following new guidelines cover our ideal expectations of what we'd like your child to do while learning remotely, and how we plan to support you and them.

Each **weekday** we'd like your child to:

- > **Log in to the live lessons via zoom**, which will be delivered by their usual group teacher at 9:15am for Maths, 11am for Literacy and 1pm for Topic. An email link for the zoom lesson will be sent to their school email address prior to each session. For internal monitoring purposes and to ensure staff and pupils are fully safeguarded, staff will be asked to record zoom lessons. These will be kept secure, for a short period of time and then erased. They would never be shared with anyone unless there was a safeguarding concern, when we have a legal duty to share the information with the appropriate bodies.
- > **Use Purple Mash online** to access daily work which will be set by their class teacher (This may be activities set through Purple Mash, or worksheets to be downloaded, completed and saved then uploaded again)
- > Complete and submit one piece of work for Maths, Reading, Literacy and Topic each day.

For those children who do not have access to technology for online learning, work packs will be available to collect from the school office.

It is important that your child engages with home learning. If they do not, the class teacher will make a weekly phone call home.

What support will the school provide?

- > **Regular feedback** so your child knows how they're doing. This will be through answering questions within the live lessons, answering queries via email and marking/adding comments on the work your child submits through Purple Mash (within 24 hours of submission).
- > **Technical support** can be provided over the phone if required. Please contact the school office to arrange this. The parent/ teacher email address (s48teacher@smithswoodpri.solihull.sch.uk) can also be used for log in/ password support.
- > **Free School Meal support.** If your child is eligible for free school meals then the school office will contact you to arrange meal provision during the bubble closure.

What can I do to help my child?

Create a positive environment for your child to learn at home, for example:

- > **Distinguish between weekdays and weekends**, to separate school life and home life.
- > **Designate a working space if possible**, and at the end of the day have a clear cut-off to signal school time is over.
- > **Create and stick to a routine**, as this is what your child is used to at school. For example, eat breakfast at the same time each morning and make sure they're dressed before starting the 'school' day.

- > **Stick a timetable up on the wall** so everyone knows what they should be doing when, and tick activities off throughout the day.
- > **Follow the 'Virtual Learning Code of Conduct'** to ensure everyone stays safe whilst learning online.
- > **Make time for exercise and breaks** throughout the day to keep your child active.