



Blackburn with Darwen L.A.

St. Thomas's Centre

Remote Education Policy

2025-2026

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Remote education provision: information for parents

This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to pupils and parents or carers about what to expect from remote education provided by St Thomas's Centre staff.

The remote curriculum: getting started

- The member of staff responsible for your child's remote education will contact you to discuss their provision.
- An email or text message will be sent to you to confirm the appropriate log in details for your child to access the online provision should you need them.
- If you have any issues or have not received the appropriate email/text, please contact the school immediately and we will get back to you with an answer as soon as possible.

St Thomas's Remote Curriculum Intent

- Minimise the disruption to students' education and the delivery of the curriculum by ensuring the learning is planned and sequenced in line with the National Curriculum as appropriate to your child's key stage or to the appropriate GCSE / vocational syllabus relevant to the courses they are studying.
- Ensure provision is in place so that all students have access to high quality learning resources.
- Protect students from the risks associated with using devices connected to the internet.
- Ensure staff, parent, and student data remains secure and is not lost or misused.
- Ensure robust safeguarding measures continue to be in effect during the period of remote learning.
- Ensure all students have the provision they need to complete their work to the best of their ability and supported during periods of remote learning.
- Ensure pastoral care continues in order to support all pupils.

Accessing remote education

We recognise that some pupils may not have suitable online access at home.

- Each pupil will be assessed on an individual basis to ensure you meet the criteria to be issued with a loaned laptop. Parents will be expected to sign an agreement form whenever a laptop is loaned to a pupil. If you are experiencing difficulties with online access at home please contact your child's Provision Leader.
- If you are experiencing difficulties with access to the internet and need support please contact your child's Provision Leader.
- Staff are available during school hours to support parents/carers with any technical issues

Engagement and feedback

What are your expectations for my child's engagement and the support that we as parents and carers should provide at home?

- Pupils are expected to engage with their timetabled remote learning sessions.
- Pupils are expected to complete independent learning tasks, as directed.
- Parents/carers are expected to oversee the pupils' sessions and ensure they are conducted as set out in the safeguarding guidance supplied at the onset of remote learning. This includes supporting the pupil to be prepared and online for the learning sessions.
- Parents are expected to keep school informed of any concerns, changes of circumstances or additional requirements, relating to the pupil.

How will you assess my child's work and progress?

Feedback can take many forms, including but not limited to:

- Feedback online during live lessons.
- In-built monitoring via learning platforms.
- Electronic work submitted automatically for direct feedback.
- Assessed written tasks to be collected and marked.