

Remote education provision: information for parents

We have used the Department for Education's recommended template to provide the following information to students and parents or carers about what to expect from remote education where national or local restrictions require entire cohorts (or bubbles) to remain at home.

For details of what to expect where individual students are self-isolating, please see the final section of this page.

Please ensure you are familiar with all our documents on the college website:

There is a general video which outlines how we set work for students when they are at home. <https://www.freman.org.uk/spring-2021-arrangements/remote-learning2/preparing-for-remote-learning>

This covers self-isolation arrangements but also goes on to deal with the current situation when learning for all students is taking place remotely. It gives a useful round up of what apps students will need to use.

This video will also direct you to the website:

<https://www.freman.org.uk/spring-2021-arrangements/remote-learning-2/help-accessing-resources> where there is advice available including how to .

- Submit work via Satchel One .
- Access the portal where many resources are available .
- Accessing resources on the college network .
- Accessing Office 365 .
- Accessing and using Activelearn

The remote curriculum: what is taught to students at home

Will my child be taught broadly the same curriculum as they would if they were in school?

- We teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate. However, we have needed to make some adaptations in some subjects. For example, practical subjects focus more on delivering the theory units of courses or it may be subjects have adjusted the sequence of topics to support students more effectively.

Remote teaching and study time each day

How long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?

We expect students will follow their normal timetable for the college day so will have 5 hours a day.

All lessons will be set work via Satchel One.

Accessing remote education

How will my child access any online remote education you are providing?

Students will use a variety of platforms to access their work. These include:

- Satchel One
- Microsoft Teams (Office 365)
- My Maths
- Active Learn

If my child does not have digital or online access at home, how will you support them to access remote education?

We recognise that some students may not have suitable online access at home. We take the following approaches to support those students to access remote education:

Students should contact the college via admin@freman.org.uk if access to IT at home is an issue. We may be able to offer:

- the loan of a laptop
- access to free data via a SIM card
- Other issues will be supported on a case by case basis.

How will my child be taught remotely?

We use a combination of the following approaches to teach students remotely:

- live lessons via Microsoft Teams
- recorded teaching (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- documents available to students on Satchel One
- textbooks and other resources students have at home
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences

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?

- Students are expected to attend all live lessons and complete the work that is set each day.
- We encourage parents to use the Satchel One app so they are clear what work has been set each day.

How will you check whether my child is engaging with their work and how will I be informed if there are concerns?

Teachers will continue to use Behaviourwatch to send notifications to parents about their child's learning. These include notifications for:

- Praise for demonstrating significant engagement and focus in their learning
- A child misses a live lesson
- A child does not submit work

There will be regular contact with home via phone or email and students and parents are encouraged to contact the college with any anxieties.

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

Feedback can take many forms and may not always mean extensive written comments for individual children. For example, whole-class feedback or quizzes marked automatically via digital platforms are valid and effective methods, amongst many others. Feedback will be on-going through interaction in live lessons and together with automated marking will support the direction of lessons.

Students will be required to submit work at least once a cycle and as usual once a half-term they will submit a piece of work that will be graded at examination level and will be given advice on how to improve.

Additional support for students with particular needs

How will you work with me to help my child who needs additional support from adults at home to access remote education?

We recognise that some students, for example some students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), may not be able to access remote education without support from adults at home. We acknowledge the difficulties this may place on families, and we will work with parents and carers to support those students in the following ways:

Some students will be invited into college to work directly with our SEN Team
Our SEN Team will liaise with students and parents directly on a regular basis.

Remote education for self-isolating students

Where individual students need to self-isolate but the majority of their peer group remains in school, how remote education is provided will likely differ from the approach for whole groups. This is due to the challenges of teaching students both at home and in school.

If my child is not in school because they are self-isolating, how will their remote education differ from the approaches described above?

Students should log on to the college network and be ready to follow their normal timetable for the day.

In the “Remote Learning” folder they will find work set for the week in each subject.