



Champion EDUCATION TRUST

REMOTE LEARNING POLICY

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REMOTE LEARNING POLICY

AIMS

This remote learning policy for staff aims to:

- Ensure consistency in the approach to remote learning for pupils who aren't in school across the curriculum offers
- Set out expectations for all members of the school community with regards to remote learning
- Provide appropriate guidelines for data protection

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Teachers and HLTAs

When providing remote learning, teachers must be available between 8:30am and 2:50pm.

If you unable to work for any reason during this time, for example due to sickness or caring for a dependent, you should make contact with ALL members of SLT, admin and your support staff via email before 8:00am so that suitable cover can be provided if required.

When providing remote learning, teachers are responsible for:

Setting work

- Teachers are to set work for all lessons they are responsible for delivering as per their timetable for this academic year.
- The amount of work set needs to be considered in terms of the time it would take a student to complete and the amount of adult support (either remotely from you or parent) to be considered. It must not exceed the amount of time allocated to the lesson.
- For work which is to be completed independently or followed with parent support then it should be issued to the student and parent BEFORE the end of the previous working day, 2:50pm. If students are expected to log in to TEAMS for an online virtual lesson then the invite to this must also be sent on the previous working day. Work set for Monday must be sent by end of day Friday.
- It is a teachers responsibility to ensure that they are trained in how to utilise our remote learning platforms and are confident in effectively utilising them, if not they should highlight this as a training need immediately so that SLT can assist directly where required.
- It is expected that ALL students will have access to electronic devices and internet to complete remote learning. Teachers are responsible for collating this information for their classes and ensuring if this is not the case it is highlighted to ALL members of SLT so that it can be addressed.
- Teachers are to liaise with parents of their class to agree a suitable email address for parents to be cc'ed into any set work to support their child in completing remote learning successfully, this email address is to be stored safely following GDPR guidelines, please refer to our GDPR policy or see Paula Thornton if you are unsure in how to do this.

Feedback

- Feedback to all work completed must be provided to students on submission, feedback is a crucial element to maintain engagement in learning and to monitor quality of completion, as well as understanding the learning achieved and the tracking of progress for each individual student remotely. The expectation on how staff provide feedback remotely is identified by curriculum offer within the appendix section.

Keeping in touch

- You are expected to make regular contact with all students. If your remote teaching does not provide you with daily face to face contact then you must ensure that contact is made with students or their parent every other day via telephone or email to check on welfare of students.

- Teachers are only expected to respond to parents or students during working hours stated above.
- If any complaints or concerns are shared by parents or students then this must be passed onto SLT to address immediately. If it is a safeguarding concern, please log on IRIS and alert the Designated Safeguarding Lead that a log has been made immediately, if they are unavailable the headteacher.

Engagement to remote learning

- We must work together with our students and their parents to support the successful completion of remote learning, these relationships must maintain positive, if you are concerned about a specific students engagement to remote learning, then you must highlight your concern to SLT who can address any barriers to engagement and attempt to improve engagement moving forward, please contact the Assistant Headteacher for Quality of Education in the first instance, the headteacher in their absence.

Professional conduct during remote learning or working from home

- It is important that when attending virtual meetings with staff, parents and pupils a professional dress code is still adhered to and the location in which the call is conducted is within a quiet space with nothing inappropriate or controversial within the background.

Working with additional adults who support your students

- It is vital that you make daily contact with the teaching assistants to allocate work to support you and your students in their remote learning, it is to be agreed by SLT with the class teachers in each curriculum offer how best to utilise additional adults. Additional adults (including therapists and external agencies) must be utilised to support learning or learners equally as much as administration tasks to support the teacher, so this must be considered when planning the effective utilisation of additional adults.

If you are still attending work onsite but a student is working remotely please refer to the flowchart within the appendix to clearly understand when remote learning is to be provided to a student or not based on their specific circumstance. The types of remote learning and who coordinates may differ if teachers/HLTA are still expected to provide face to face delivery within school. The approach/set up is to be decided on by the curriculum offer/class teacher and then agreed by SLT. This will be documented.

Teaching Assistants

When assisting with remote learning, teaching assistants must be available between 8:30am and 2:50pm.

If you unable to work for any reason during this time, for example due to sickness or caring for a dependent, you should make contact with ALL members of SLT, admin and your support staff via email before 8:00am so that suitable cover can be provided if required.

When assisting with remote learning class teachers/ HLTAs will inform the teaching assistants within their class of how they want them to effectively support students. This information is to be provided by 3pm the day before any expectation is required, ideally a few days/week before where planning is possible. Teaching assistants are responsible for supporting any students within their class and completing support under the guidance of any teacher/ HLTA that is leading their class.

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Senior Leaders

Alongside any teaching responsibilities, senior leaders are responsible for:

- Co-ordinating the remote learning approach across the school –policy and procedure is led by the Headteacher, curriculum offer approaches is coordinated by the Assistant Headteacher responsible for the Quality of Education
- The monitoring of the effectiveness of remote learning will be done through staff meetings, regular weekly meetings with class teachers and HLTAs, monitoring and reviewing work set, reaching out for feedback from pupils and parents and where possible through our usual quality assurance calendar of lesson observation, learning walks, work scrutinise.
- Monitoring the security of remote learning systems, including data protection and safeguarding considerations
- Considering whether any aspects of a specific subject or curriculum offer needs to change to accommodate remote learning
- Working with teachers teaching their subject remotely to make sure all work set is appropriate, consistent and of high quality
- Working together to make sure work set remotely across all curriculum offers and subjects is appropriate and consistent, and expectation remains high but realistic in terms of students ability levels in working independently across the different offers, balancing adult support of parents and siblings where suitable
- Monitoring the remote work set by teachers in their subject – explain how they'll do this, such as through regular meetings with teachers or by reviewing work set
- Alerting teachers to resources they can use to teach their subject remotely

Designated Safeguarding Lead

The DSL is responsible for supporting class teachers and pastoral leads in monitoring the safeguarding and wellbeing needs of all students within Crosshill School. When school is open to ALL learners then the DSL will work within their normal roles and responsibilities remit. If school closes to a wide number of students then the support will be offered remotely by a wide range of people including the DSL, pastoral leads and class teachers. We will continue to log concerns via IRIS, this will be monitored daily and actioned remotely where required, liaising with external professionals when appropriate. The DSL is also responsible for monitoring the COVID risk assessment logs for each child in relation to attending school and potential school closure or child absence in terms of home risks also, this will assist us in identifying our 'vulnerable' cohort as all children are classed as vulnerable within our setting but are safe to be at home. The DSL will work closely with parents and students on the risks of remote learning and the professional services to support students who may be isolated from others for a period of time. Please refer to the safeguarding policy for more clarity on the safeguarding procedures at Crosshill and the role of the DSL on a daily basis.

IT Staff

IT staff are responsible for:

- Fixing issues with systems used to set and collect work
- Ensuring devices of staff and students has all the required programmes and applications on for staff and students to successfully work remotely
- Helping staff and parents with any technical issues they're experiencing
- Highlighting any safeguarding concerns or risks to the DSL
- Reviewing the security of remote learning systems and flagging any data protection breaches to the data protection officer
- Assisting pupils and parents with accessing the internet or devices
- Monitoring the loaning of equipment to staff and students, including its safe return

Pupils and Parents

Staff can expect pupils learning remotely to:

- Attend online learning lessons as consistently as possible
- Complete work to the deadline set by teachers to the best they can
- Seek help if they need it, from teachers, teaching assistants or adults within their home setting
- Alert an adult if they're not able to complete work
- Staff can expect parents with children learning remotely to:
 - Make the school aware if their child is sick or otherwise can't complete work
 - Seek help from the school if they need it
 - Be prepared to provide some support to the child to successfully learn remotely at home, but if the expectation of support is adding pressure please liaise with the class teacher to agree how to move forward

Governing Board and Trust

The governing board and trust is responsible for:

- Monitoring the school's approach to providing remote learning to ensure education remains as high quality as possible
- Ensuring that staff are certain that remote learning systems are appropriately secure, for both data protection and safeguarding reasons

WHO TO CONTACT

If staff have any questions or concerns about remote learning, they should contact the following individuals:

- Issues in setting work/curriculum expectations – talk to the Assistant Head for Quality of education
- Issues regarding SEND/Pastoral queries – talk to the Assistant Head for Personal development, Behaviour and attitudes
- Issues with IT – contact the IT support team via email
- Issues with their own workload or wellbeing – talk to the Headteacher
- Concerns about data protection – email the concern to business manager, cc'ing the Headteacher
- Concerns about safeguarding – talk to the DSL, Headteacher in their absence

DATA PROTECTION

Accessing Personal Data

When accessing personal data for remote learning purposes, all staff members will:

- Any data required for remote learning will be stored on the school server and TEAMS where appropriate with limiting access to staff only who require it
- When working remotely staff must use the devices provided from school to liaise with students or parents, or to access documentation with sensitive data on
- Communication with students and parents must be through email, TEAMS or school mobiles where appropriate

Processing Personal Data

Staff members may need to collect and/or share personal data such as email addresses, contact numbers, as part of the remote learning system. As long as this processing is necessary for the school's official functions, individuals won't need to give permission for this to happen.

However, staff are reminded to collect and/or share as little personal data as possible online.

Keeping Devices Secure

All staff members will take appropriate steps to ensure their devices remain secure. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Keeping the device password-protected – strong passwords are at least 8 characters, with a combination of upper and lower-case letters, numbers and special characters (e.g. asterisk or currency symbol)
- Ensuring the hard drive is encrypted – this means if the device is lost or stolen, no one can access the files stored on the hard drive by attaching it to a new device
- Making sure the device locks if left inactive for a period of time
- Not sharing the device among family or friends
- Installing antivirus and anti-spyware software
- Keeping operating systems up to date – always install the latest updates

SAFEGUARDING

All staff have been made aware and reserved training in of our safeguarding policy and procedures for this year. Please do refer to the policy and staff handbook for further guidance. If you are unclear on any matter regarding safeguarding please speak directly to the DSL, SLT or Headteacher immediately.

MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

This policy will be reviewed termly during this academic year by the Assistant Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the Headteacher/CEO.

LINKS WITH OTHER POLICIES

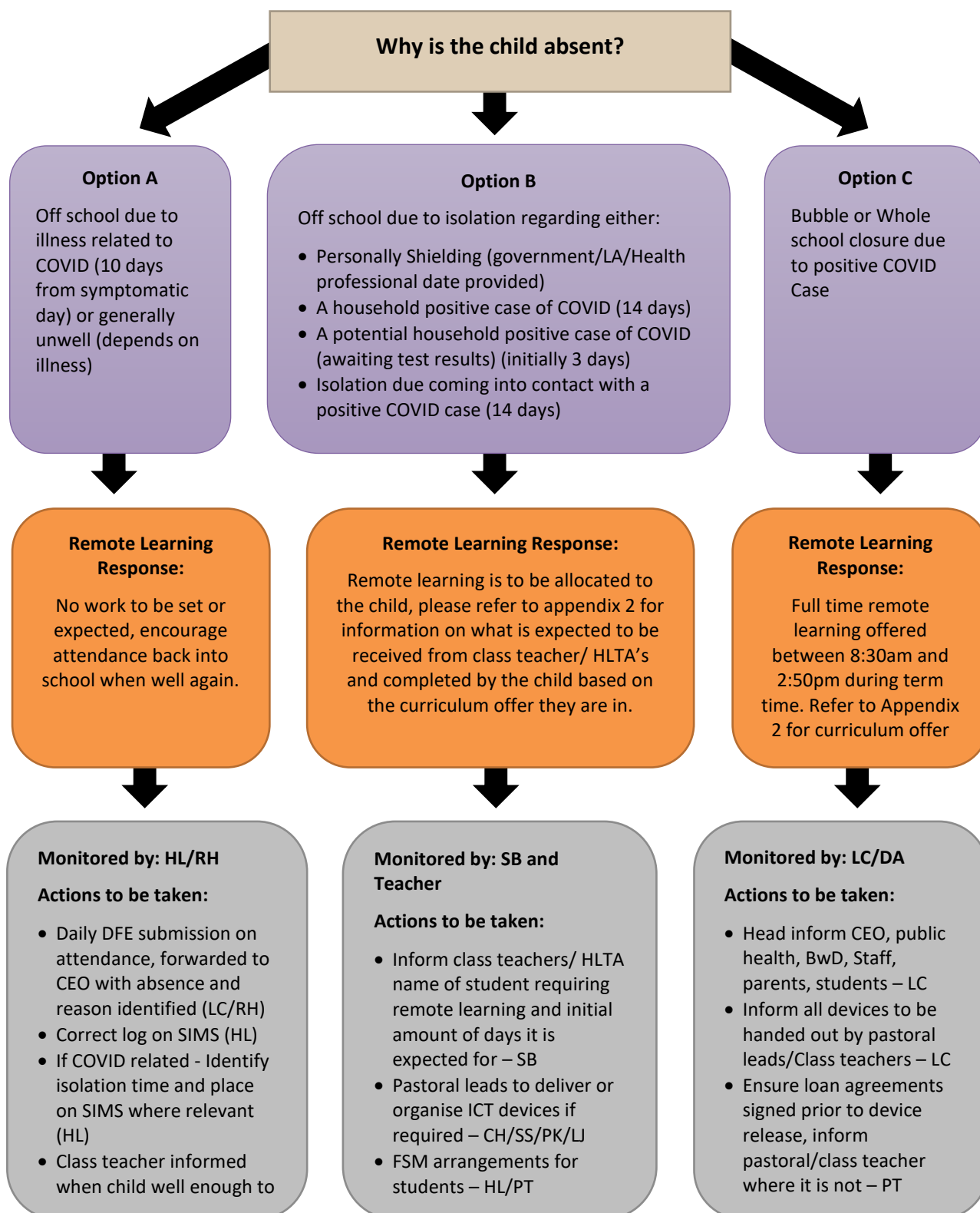
This policy is linked to our:

- Staff Handbook
- Safeguarding policy
- Data protection policy and privacy notices
- Home-school agreement
- ICT and internet acceptable use policy
- Online safety policy

APPENDIX 1

REMOTE LEARNING FLOWCHART

The flowchart below has been established to assist teachers/ HLTA's in identifying when to provide or not provide remote learning support to students within their classes. The purpose of this chart is to develop a consistent approach across the school, but staff are to be mindful that every situation may be different. If you are unclear on whether or not to provide remote learning support to a specific child within your class then please do speak to SLT immediately for a decision to be reached.



APPENDIX 2

CHAMPION TRUST LAPTOP/TABLET LOAN AGREEMENT

CHAMPION TRUST STUDENT AGREEMENT – LOAN OF TABLET DEVICE

The Champion Education Trust (Blackburn Central High School, Crosshill School and Lotus School) has agreed that a tablet device will be loaned to you during the period of emergency closure after which the device and any accessories including chargers must be returned in the condition they were received.

As a student to whom a tablet has been loaned you have read and agreed to the following terms and conditions:

- The equipment provided is the property of the Champion Education Trust and is for the sole use of assisting in the delivery of the school curriculum whilst the school remains closed
- I understand that this equipment may be used by other family members whilst supporting my education but must not be used for any other activities. I agree to ensure that:
 - I will treat the equipment with appropriate care and the device is maintained in good condition
 - The device is strapped into a carry case when transported and/or not in use
 - The equipment is not left unattended without being stored securely
 - I will avoid food and drink near the tablet device and all equipment associated with the tablet
 - I understand and agree that it is my responsibility to back-up my work
 - I agree to use only software licensed by the school, authorised and installed by the school's ICT Staff
 - I agree that Anti-Virus software (if applicable) is installed and must not be uninstalled
 - I agree that E-Safety software will monitor the use of the device and will be used to log and report any inappropriate access. I understand that follow up discussions may occur if the use of the device is deemed inappropriate
 - Should any faults occur, I agree that I will notify the school's ICT staff as soon as possible so that they may undertake any necessary repairs. Under no circumstances will I, or anyone other than school ICT staff, attempt to fix suspected hardware or software faults
 - I agree that any telephone and/or broadband charges incurred by any user accessing the internet from any site other than school premises are not chargeable to the school
 - I will ensure that any internet access using the tablet device at home is for an appropriate educational purpose
 - I confirm that I have read and agree to adhere to the Acceptable use Policy contained within the student planner
 - I will return the device in its original condition to the relevant Champion Education Trust school within 14 days of being requested to do so

Student Agreement:

I have read and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions set out above.

Name of Student: Form

Signature of Parent/Carer Date:

Device Make

Device Model

Serial/Asset Number

APPENDIX 3

CURRICULUM OFFER REMOTE LEARNING APPROACHES PROFORMA

Curriculum Offer/Class: Approved by:

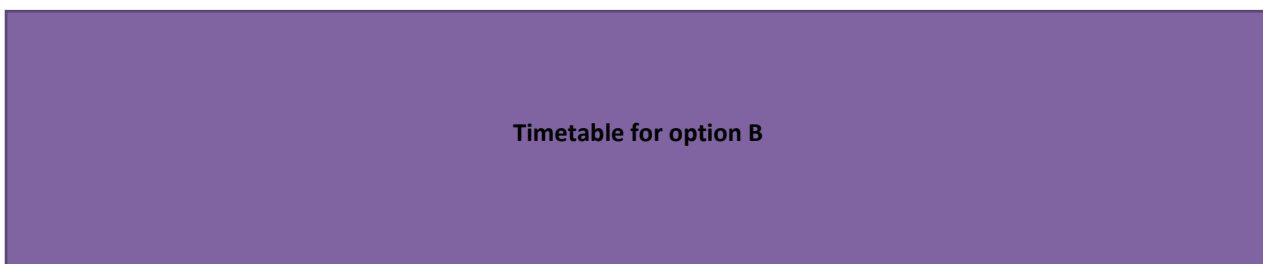
Chosen device for remote learning:

Remote learning platform being used:

Remote Learning timetables for option B and option C of remote learning:

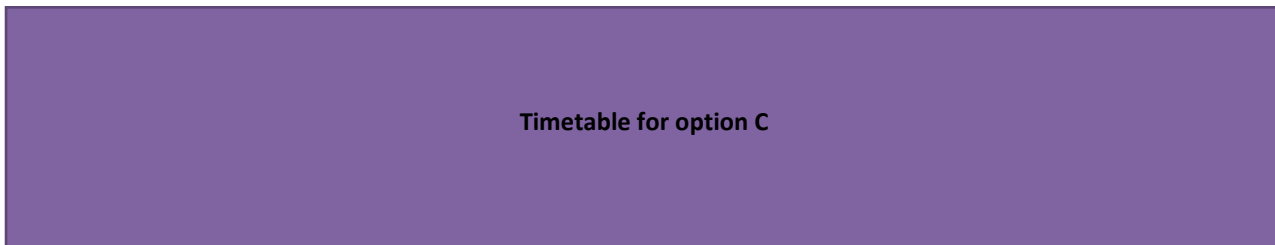
Option B on flowchart

Individuals accessing remote learning on a daily basis (staff in school)



Option C on flowchart

All students accessing remote learning due to bubble/school closure



Where will learning and feedback be recorded for each subject within your curriculum offer?

Subject	Learning recorded on	Feedback provided via

HOW WILL ADDITIONAL STAFF BE UTILISED EFFECTIVELY?

Teaching Assistants in option B:

Teaching Assistants in option C:

Pastoral Link in option B:

Pastoral Link in option C:

WELLBEING SUPPORT

Student Name	Safeguarding needs & vulnerable pupils daily contact (either Teams lesson or phonecall)	External therapist input to be planned for	FSM needed	Breakfast delivery required

At home risk assessment level RAG rating key:

Green – No risk
Amber – There are some risk/concerns to home learning
Red – Formal risks identified

Please see RH to disclose risks if necessary.

APPENDIX 4

REMOTE LEARNING PLANS BY CURRICULUM OFFER