

## **Remote Learning at Highfields Spencer Academy**

Highfields Spencer Academy opened with Nursery and Reception classes in September 2020.

This information is intended to provide clarity and transparency to pupils 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 or when your child may be asked to isolate because a member of their family has been contacted by track and trace and they have been asked to isolate for 10 days.

### **EYFS Remote Learning**

Whilst your child is not at school, teachers will be setting work remotely for your children to work on. Work will be set on a daily basis in Reception and a weekly basis in Nursery and your child will be given an English, Phonics and Mathematics lesson to take part in each day. This may be presented through powerpoints, website links, live or recorded lessons with tasks or activities set to support your child's learning.

We will also provide you with activities that will support your child's Personal, Communication and Language skills, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

All tasks will be sent via Tapestry but also through Class Dojo, as this is our school's main form of communication with parents.

### **Tapestry**



We will use Tapestry to set work for your child. You will be able to log in and support your child's learning using the activities provided. Families

can take photographs or write comments and upload them onto Tapestry. Staff can then respond to your child's work and this also keeps a good link between home and school.

We love seeing what your child has been working on!

At Highfields we ran an information session for parents on 11<sup>th</sup> January about how to use Tapestry at home to support mums, dads and other family members who may be supporting, so we are really happy to do this again if any parents need help. There are also great links to Tapestry How to videos which we have added to Class Dojo and below:

<https://youtu.be/espJ96TJHV8>

(Adding an observation)

<https://youtu.be/n7ROkDnb4IQ>

(Setting up your account)

<https://youtu.be/pxo3au-993Q>

(Setting up your notifications)

Don't forget you can always contact us via Class Dojo or email us at any time at [info@highfieldsspencer.co.uk](mailto:info@highfieldsspencer.co.uk) with any questions or just to say hello!

In addition to our lessons we also have weekly activities added to our learning platform DB Primary and all pupils have a Purple Mash login.

<https://highfieldsspencer-derbyshire.secure-dbprimary.com/derbyshire/primary/highfieldsspencer>



<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/highfieldsspenca>



There are games and activities for Early Years pupils on Mini Mash. Each pupil has their own Purple Mash login which allows them to access Mini Mash.

We now have



at Highfields.

Monster Phonics have a great app that parents can download to help their child with phonics at home. [Monsterphonics.com](http://Monsterphonics.com)

We also love teach your monster to read



<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>



We use Powermaths at Highfields, but there are some great resources on <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> to help with teaching Maths at home. Powermaths is based on the Maths

Mastery scheme designed by the team at White Rose Maths Hub, so these resources will definitely support your child's learning.



<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/early-years-foundation-stage>

The national website Oak Academy is a fantastic place to find resources, clips and ideas for learning to support your child at home. The DfE has worked with lots of schools around the country to provide a central resource for home learning.

Growing as a school. From September 2021 we will have our first Year 1 children. Our school will grow one year group at a time until we are full.

As we grow to include Years 1 to 6 we will be adding to our remote learning offer through SHOWBIE. This is an online platform where teachers can share work, pupils can complete home activities and create a portfolio of work to share with their teacher. In the event of any future national lockdown we aim to use Highfields as a centre for home learning for all KS1 and KS2 pupils.

<https://www.showbie.com/>

**Please read our remote and blended learning policy for more details about our expectations for Nursery and Reception and ideas for how to support your child at home.**

## Daily Timetable

Each family's capacity to make time for this will be different, but a number of families have asked for a structure through which they can organise what they do. It is easy for the day to become lost and hard to keep track of what you have achieved. We understand that it may be difficult to keep to the same structure every day, but we have included an example of a timetable you may wish to follow with your child at home and you can adapt it to suit your needs.

Time	Activity
7.30am	Wake up
8.00am	Breakfast
9.00am	Physical Challenge
9.15am	Zoom register online- this is our daily class register. If you are unable to attend please send a message via class dojo and a member of staff will give a wellbeing call to you later in the day to check you are okay with today's tasks
9.30-10.30am	English Story and Activities
10.30-11.00am	Break, snack and a drink of water Spend some time in the garden or sharing stories
11.00-12.00pm	Mathematics Focus and Activities
12.00-1pm	Lunch
1pm – 2.30pm	Choose an activity from the other areas of learning; Communication and Language Physical Development Personal, Social and Emotional Development Understanding the World Expressive Arts and Design

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

We expect that remote education (including remote teaching and independent work) will take pupils broadly the following number of hours each day:

**EYFS (Nursery and Reception) - less than 3 hours per day. Remember, most of this will be through play based learning and sharing stories, baking, making, going on walks and doing exercise outside etc.**

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)	3 hours minimum per day
Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)	4 hours minimum per day