



The Royal High Primary School

Frequently Asked Questions – School Closure and Blended Learning model

After our check in phone calls to families and some email queries, I have created this overview of some of the more commonly asked questions.

Hopefully it should answer some of your queries. If you do have any further questions, please email the admin account. Thank you.

Take care, keep well and speak soon.

Anna

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Head Teacher

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How can I be sure that my child is covering the curriculum when home learning?

- The home learning grids in the packs sent home before lock down, cover the planned learning for up to Easter and beyond to the Summer term.
- They cover the curriculum from a teacher's perspective and are informed by the learning and teaching they had planned to cover in school.
- When school returns in August the teachers will be focussing on revisiting learning, consolidating and revising prior learning.
- There is no need to worry about any perceived gaps in learning. The teachers will support you and your child for the last three weeks of term to make sure core skills are covered in maths and numeracy, literacy and health and wellbeing.

Would it be possible to have online meetings with my child's teacher?

- We are aware that so far our interaction has been limited to messages via Seesaw and email.
- This is something that has been outwith our control and came from the Council's guidance and policy.
- We are not allowed to use Zoom, Skype or video communication with the children.
- However last week we have been given access to have online meetings through TEAMS.
- We are using this model for our Child Planning Meetings and Primary 7 transition meetings.
- We are creating accounts on TEAMS for all our children and plan to roll this out for our Second Level pupils in the coming weeks.
- We will roll out TEAMS for the rest of the school community at the start of the new session.
- I will be in touch with information about what that is going to look like soon.
- The teachers are going to upload a video or voice recording for the children at the start of the week to add the personal element to their communications.

Why has it taken so long to create the new model of Home Learning Grids?

- My staff have been working really hard to adjust to this new way of learning and teaching.
- Our initial focus was on the health and wellbeing of our children, minimising anxiety and stress.
- Our learning provision has been steadily increasing through our online platform and I am satisfied through feedback from pupils, families and staff that we have got the balance right.

- We have made great strides in adjusting to this new form of learning and teaching. I am very proud of how well the staff and children have managed.
- We are continuing to build on our provision, looking to build consistency of provision and interaction

Can my child see their friend's work online?

- Due to the strict guidelines of GDPR as well as our policy of minimising pressure and anxiety for our pupils, we do not share children's work for others to see.
- If your child has something they would like to share with the wider community, you can email our admin account and ask for it to be shared on Twitter.
- Alternatively, you can tweet it yourself and mention @RHPSWholeSchool for us to retweet.

I am frustrated by conversations on social media between parents and carers and the school not reacting.

- Quite simply if you do not contact me about your queries, concerns or issues, I cannot respond.
- The school admin account is your direct line of contact for me and the rest of the Senior Leadership Team.
- I mention this channel of communication every day in my Head Teacher's update and would urge you to get in touch if you need.
- Communication is key, and we are all still here for you when you need us.

Why haven't I had information about the Blended Learning Model from August 2020

- There has been a lot in the press and on social media with regards to the Blended Learning Model.
- I have not shared any information in line with the instructions from Andy Gray, Head of Schools and Lifelong Learning, Chief Education Officer
- As soon as I am allowed I will share the information and keep you informed and up to date.