

Protocol for Home Learning in the event of self-isolating.

Thomas Whitehead Academy

In the event that an individual pupil or a 'bubble' of children need to self-isolate for 14 days due to confirmed cases of Coronavirus, the expectation from Thomas Whitehead is that the children must continue to be provided with opportunities to learn and engage with education as positively and safely as possible, through a targeted distance learning programme, communicated via ClassDojo.

In the event of a child being at home whilst awaiting test results

As the child will likely be feeling under the weather, no specific work will be set for the child within the 48 hours whilst waiting for their results. If the child is feeling well enough, the child can engage with:

- Reading of their reading book, recording in their reading record.
- Times Tables Rockstars – targeted times tables will be continually set by the class teacher, focusing on the Times Table being worked on in class.
- Sumdog – a great resource, introduced during Lockdown 2020, with both grammar and maths games and resources to play and do.
- Continue to investigate and deepen understanding of work on the child's knowledge organiser.
- Use of Fitter Future and mindfulness activities.

No work is expected to be sent to the class teacher, but feel free to message via ClassDojo how they are going.

In the event of an individual self-isolating for 14 days

The class teacher will endeavour to provide as similar work as possible to a child distant learning, as their classmates in the classroom. This will include work being sent home via ClassDojo, closely following the activities taking place in class. This will include, as a minimum, English and Maths work, daily.

In addition, children can be maintaining their work ethic, routine and engagement through Reading, TTRS and Sumdog, Fitter Future and mindfulness activities, whilst selecting activities from their homework grid (KS1 and KS2).

Work is expected from all children, either in ClassDojo messages, uploaded documents, or photographs of work sent in to ClassDojo daily.

In the event of a bubble, entire year group/key stage self-isolating for 14 days

In the event that a class and teaching staff are distance learning, this will be based around using the Oak Academy Online Classroom. This is a virtual school set up by the Government solely for the purpose of this Coronavirus pandemic. Parents can click on the Oak Academy link below to read information about this resource.



Using Oak Academy for distance learning is simple. It is compatible with all devices and our User Guide below helps parents get started if they're stuck. The children should be able to do all of their learning independently. Oak Academy activities only ever require your child to write on a notepad or on a piece of paper. The Class Teacher will set a timetable and areas for focus either each day or at the beginning of the week. In addition, children can be maintaining their work ethic, routine and engagement through Reading, TTRS and Sumdog, Fitter Future and mindfulness activities, whilst selecting activities from their homework grid (KS1 and KS2). Work is expected from all children, either in ClassDojo messages, uploaded documents, or photographs of work sent in to ClassDojo.

Early Years

Reception parents are encouraged to use Evidence Me regularly as this is a great online journal. Parents can share the learning that their children are doing at home by posting pictures and comments on their Evidence Me page. Areas of interest and challenges will be set by the class teacher on ClassDojo. The Early Years staff would love to see these and will be able to respond online.

Reading

Reading appears regularly on each year group's timetable. It is vitally important that children regularly read. The staff love reading. Reading for just 20 minutes a day has many benefits, including strengthening the brain and building vocabulary, and this is why we want you to read daily at home. If you are finding it difficult to get hold of books, the following websites have a range of books that you can access for free, online.

[Oxford Owl](#)

[Story Line Online](#)

[Book Trust](#)