

TORMEAD

Remote education provision: information for parents

The Government has provided an optional template 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. We have chosen to use this template (below) but this should be read in conjunction with the Remote Working Policy for completeness.

What should my child expect from immediate remote education in the first day or two of pupils being sent home?

Tormead has comprehensive and tested plans in place for a rapid transition to effective remote provision. Pupils should expect remote learning to be delivered with the minimum of delay.

Following the first few days of remote education, will my child be taught broadly the same curriculum as they would if they were in school?

Pupils should expect that Tormead will deliver a full and enriching academic and pastoral programme. Some adaptations may be necessary (for example in practical subjects) to provide the best educational experience.

Remote teaching and study time each day - how long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?

Pupils should expect to follow the normal School timetable unless notified otherwise. In order to allow a healthy balance of time away from the screen, you should expect to see lower levels of set homework in most years of the School. Pupils are expected to consolidate in the usual way and the Beacon programme provides an excellent source for pupils wishing to satisfy their intellectual curiosity.

Accessing remote education

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

Method	Audience	Description
Parent Portal	Parents	All major announcements and communications
Email	Parents and pupils in Senior School	Day-to-day communications that are not based around workflow

Microsoft Teams	Pupils and parents	Allows for elements of live teaching and conversations in the Senior School
App4	Pupils (In Junior School: Year 5-6)	Notification of work on Showbie (SS)/Google Classroom (JS) and brief summary of homework (if necessary)
Showbie	Pupils and staff in the Senior School	Workflow between pupils and their teachers: documents, videos, notes and voice notes may be uploaded
Google Suite of Apps (Classroom, Meet and Drive)	Pupils and staff in the Junior School	Workflow between pupils and their teachers. Allows for live teaching and conversations. Storage of resources. Feedback between pupils and teachers.
Website & Social Media	All	Updates and signposts to other organisations/sites

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

In this eventuality pupils or parents should contact their Form Tutor or Head of Year for advice. The support we provide will depend on the individual circumstances but Tormead will make strenuous efforts to ensure all pupils are able to access a full and enriching education.

How will my child be taught remotely?

The Remote Working Policy provides detailed information on how your child will be taught remotely in a variety of circumstances.

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?

The Remote Working Policy, together with the E-Safety Policies sets out our expectations for engagement and behaviour. It is helpful if parents and carers can ensure pupils have access to a suitable working environment (and contact School where this is not possible) and that a healthy level of exercise and time away from screens provides balance. Remote provision is delivered in a way that does not require any additional input from parents and carers.

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

Tormead has in place robust and comprehensive monitoring systems and you will be contacted by a subject teacher, form tutor or head of year if there are concerns. Please do initiate contact yourself if you have questions.

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

Tormead's high standards of assessment will be maintained during periods of remote working. Feedback will be given to pupils as detailed above and to parents and carers in the usual manner through grades and reports, parent evenings and individual contact in the interim should this be necessary.

Additional support for pupils 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?

Learning support lessons continue during periods of remote working. Parents and carers are encouraged to make timely contact with the Head of Learning Support, form tutors or heads of years if additional support is needed. Tormead will make every effort to ensure each and every pupil is able to access a full and enriching education.

Remote education for self-isolating pupils

The Remote Working Policy details the general arrangements that will apply for self-isolating pupils. You will be notified by Clarion of any additional information and arrangements in individual circumstances.

