



Remote Learning

After now using our remote learning approach with three classes due to bubbles closing, we have had some fantastic feedback from parents, carers and children about what went well and suggestions to help improve our approach. Like we have said before, this is a brand new situation for us all so this feedback enables us to be reflective on our practice.

Some of the super feedback we have received includes:

I was really impressed with how organised everything was!

The videos explaining the work were extremely useful!

We enjoyed learning how and what our child is learning in school and being part of this. Our child enjoyed sharing what she had already learnt from school and building on this.

We enjoyed all of the learning provided by the class teacher, with suggestions to progress learning.

We enjoyed being able to work at our child's own pace at home.

We enjoyed everything. It was well planned and executed. Excellent communication

I think the school did a brilliant job, can't think of any way to improve it.

There isn't anything more you can do as you are already doing more than you should be. Thank you for your support.

Remote Learning FAQ

1. What if I cannot print at home?

Our remote learning approach is planned so that you **do not** need to print anything off. Microsoft Teams allows children to open up PowerPoints, videos and documents such as worksheets within the software. Children can then use the prompt by leaving it on Microsoft Teams while they complete their learning either in blank exercise books provided by school, or on Purple Mash using the tools on there to submit learning. If children choose to complete learning in blank exercise books, please take a picture and send it to the year group emails for feedback and marking:

nursery@stalbansceacademy.com

reception@stalbansceacademy.com

year1@stalbansceacademy.com

year2@stalbansceacademy.com

year3@stalbansceacademy.com

year4@stalbansceacademy.com

year5@stalbansceacademy.com

year6@stalbansceacademy.com

2. What if I do not know the group my child is in at school?

Teachers will upload learning opportunities under the names of easy, medium and hard. This is to allow the children, and parents/carers, to choose their starting point. We are very aware that learning at home is a completely different environment to school and we believe that this approach will allow children to extend themselves where necessary or use more support and scaffolding if needed.



3. What if I do not have access to technology at home?

In September, we asked parents/carers to complete a questionnaire on the technology they have access to at home. This allowed us to determine what technology we would need to support our families if a year group bubble were to shut. The government explained that schools and colleges would receive an allocation of devices to be used to support children who are otherwise unable to access remote education; however, they are not being very forthcoming with these devices which is making it extremely difficult for schools to be allocated them. If you are really struggling with technology, and children cannot access Microsoft Teams from a phone, tablet, iPad or laptop/computer, please let us know as soon as possible.

4. Will live lessons be used?

As a school, after much thought and consideration, we have chosen to make up the majority of our remote learning with recorded lessons; however, there will be some live elements.

5. How do I upload my child's learning without everyone seeing it?

When you take a picture of your child's learning and send it to the year group email account, **only the class teacher** will see this and be able to reply to it. This is the same on Purple Mash: when children submit their learning via the tools on Purple Mash, only the class teacher will be able to view and comment on it.

6. What do I do if my child is unsure on how to use Microsoft Teams or Purple Mash?

Microsoft Teams was introduced to all children within the first half term and they were all given the opportunity to explore and learn how to use it. Following on from the bubbles shutting, we will be carrying out more workshops with the classes in the second half term on how to access and use Microsoft Teams, and how to submit learning via Purple Mash for feedback and marking.

7. How do I communicate with my child's class teacher?

If a year group bubble shuts, the class teacher will contact all of the children within the first 24 hours via phone to ensure that children have set Microsoft Teams up and to answer any queries. Any other communication needed with class teachers should be done through **the year group email** as the class teacher will not be in school, they will be isolating as the rest of the class are. All children have their personal email account (which allows them to log on to Outlook Email Service and Microsoft Teams) where they can contact and communicate with the class teacher.