



## **Remote education provision: information for parents and students**

### **The remote curriculum: what is taught to students at home**

At Kingsbridge Community College our aim is to try and follow the intended curriculum whether students are in school or studying at home due to college closure. Our preference is to provide online lessons to follow the curriculum where possible. These may be live or pre-recorded. Where neither is possible, we may set work on ClassCharts or video lessons provided by the Oak National Academy, which match our planned curriculum.

### **What should my child expect from immediate remote education in the first day or two of students being at home?**

Our remote education platform is Microsoft Teams. Students can access this using the dedicated app (available for all devices) or can sign in to [www.office.com](http://www.office.com) using their school email address (username@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk) and password.

### **Accessing remote education**

All students will access remote education through the Microsoft platform. Students can access all Microsoft applications through [www.office.com](http://www.office.com). They are also able to download all Microsoft applications to different devices for free. It is important that students regularly check their email (Outlook) to get notifications for lessons. Students should also check ClassCharts regularly to ensure they can access worksheets and other activities for lessons. When students sign on to Microsoft Teams, they will see that they are added to a separate team for each class/subject. Clicking on the Team will take them into the class area. Live lessons are scheduled as 'meetings' in the general area. Students may also be directed in ClassCharts to planned lesson activities or Oak National Academy lessons that match our curriculum.

### **We recognise that some students may not have suitable online access at home.**

- We know that some students may only be able to take part in lessons on a device with a small screen, such as a mobile phone. We are happy for students to complete any work set on paper instead of on a computer if needed.
- If students are completing remote education on paper rather than computer, they can always upload a photo of their work. Where this is not possible, we will work with you to find a solution.
- If students have trouble accessing their college email account or ClassCharts, please contact our IT services by calling 01548 852641 and selecting extension 9.

### **How will my child be taught remotely?**

We use a combination of the following approaches to teach students remotely, these are:

- Setting independent activities on ClassCharts for students to complete.

- Using online platforms such as Sparx or Oak National Academy where these fit with our planned curriculum and will provide beneficial learning experiences for students
- Using Microsoft Teams to deliver live online lessons in the same timings as the usual college day.

When teaching students remotely, we aim to:

- provide frequent, clear video explanations of new content, delivered by a teacher or through high-quality curriculum resources or videos.
- set assignments so that students have meaningful and ambitious work each day in a number of different subjects.
- teach a planned and well-sequenced curriculum so that knowledge and skills are built incrementally, with a good level of clarity about what is intended to be taught and practised in each subject.
- gauge how well students are progressing through the curriculum, using questions and other suitable tasks and set a clear expectation on how regularly teachers will check work.
- enable teachers to adjust the pace or difficulty of what is being taught in response to questions or assessments, including, where necessary, revising material or simplifying explanations to ensure students' understanding.
- plan a programme that is of equivalent length to the core teaching students would receive in school, ideally including daily contact with teachers.

### **Video lessons**

Our preference is that where possible, our teachers teach live video lessons. Where this is not possible, video lessons may be pre-recorded to ensure that explanations are clear and effective. Lessons may be provided by Oak National Academy to support student explanations. These cover the entire national curriculum and are available to all schools for free. These have been developed in partnership with a wide group of teachers and school leaders to develop lessons that match the curriculum being taught in school.

### **Additional support for students with particular needs**

We recognise that some students, for example some students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), may not be able to access remote education without support from adults at home. We acknowledge the difficulties this may place on families, and we will work with parents and carers to support those students. Please contact our SEND Co-Ordinator, Jane Blumer ([jane.blumer@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk](mailto:jane.blumer@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk)) with any specific queries.