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1. Statement of Trust philosophy

1.1. All schools in Ormiston Academies Trust align to our three core purposes, which are to teach and develop our pupils, while we effect change so that we can create schools where no one is disadvantaged. Our strategy for remote learning continues this.

2. Aims

2.1. This Remote Education Policy aims to:

- Ensure staff and students are kept safe whilst engaged in on-line learning sessions.
- Ensure consistency in the approach to remote learning for all pupils (Inc. SEND) who aren't in school through use of quality online and offline resources and teaching videos.
- Provide clear expectations members of the school community with regards to delivery high quality interactive remote learning.
- Ensure continuous delivery of the school curriculum, so far as is possible.
- Consider continued education for staff and parents.
- Support effective communication between the school and families and support attendance.

3. Who is this policy applicable to?

3.1. Pupils (and their siblings if they also attend the academy) who are absent because they are awaiting test results and the household is required to self-isolate.

3.2. Pupils who are not permitted to attend school because they, or another member of their bubble who they have had close contact with, has tested positive for Covid-19.

3.3. Teaching and support staff.

4.Roles and responsibilities

4.1. Teachers

4.1.1. When providing remote learning, teachers must be available during their normal working school hours.

4.1.2. If they are unable to work for any reason during this time, for example due to sickness or caring for a dependent, they should report this using the normal absence procedure.

4.1.3. When providing remote learning, teachers are responsible for:

4.1.3.1. Setting work for their classes which is commensurate with what they would normally set and in line with the school curriculum.

- Work should be set on a weekly basis (Key Stage 4 and core subjects in Key Stage 3) The weekly tasks must be uploaded to GO4Schools by 9am on a Monday Morning and include a live lesson (timetabled for one of the normal timetabled lessons with that class) and supplementary tasks to complete at non-specified times. Deadlines for work will be the end of the week/fortnight.
- Where the local area is in a lockdown the live lesson will be replaced by a pre-recorded teacher led session.
- All work will be signposted on GO4Schools. Google classrooms will also be utilized for live lessons and, where appropriate for the setting and collection of work.

4.1.3.2. Providing feedback on work:

- Work will either be emailed, shared on Google Drive or sent via google classrooms to staff.
- Any student unable to access this provision will have paper copies provided on a weekly basis and completed work will be collected the following week.
- Within the work set a key task will be identified for feedback. This will be recorded on a central spreadsheet which allows the tracking of completion and also provides information to support safeguarding procedures.

4.1.3.3. Keeping in touch with pupils who aren't in school and their parents:

- There will be weekly contact between form tutors and parents. This will be via a telephone call in the first instance (recorded on central spreadsheet) and followed up where necessary with an email

- Vulnerable students will be contacted more regularly by members of the support for learning team. Specific students will be allocated to members of this team.
- Contact with students will always be via email (unless during a live lesson).

4.1.4. If there is a concern around the level of engagement of a pupil or pupils the parents should be contacted via phone to assess whether school intervention can assist engagement.

4.1.5. Any complaints or concerns shared by parents or pupils should be reported to a member of SLT– for any safeguarding concerns, refer immediately to the DSL.

4.2. Teaching assistants

4.2.1. When assisting with remote learning, teaching assistants must be available between 8.30am and 2.30pm. Specific students will be assigned to teaching assistants who will be expected to make regular contact to support learning.

4.2.2. If they are unable to work for any reason during this time, for example due to sickness or caring for a dependent, they should report this using the normal absence procedure.

4.2.3. When assisting with remote learning, teaching assistants are responsible for:

4.2.3.1. Supporting pupils who are not in school with learning remotely:

- This will be via emails or where appropriate telephone conversation with the parents and student. (in some cases this may be conducted using google classrooms to support effective relationships).

4.2.3.2. Attending virtual meetings with teachers, parents and pupils.

4.3. Subject leads/Heads of Department

4.3.1. Alongside their teaching responsibilities, subject leads are responsible for:

4.3.1.1. Considering whether any aspects of the subject curriculum need to change to accommodate remote learning

4.3.1.2. Working with teachers teaching their subject remotely to make sure all work set is appropriate and consistent

4.3.1.3. Working with other subject leads and senior leaders to make sure work set remotely across all subjects is appropriate and consistent, and deadlines are being set an appropriate distance away from each other

4.3.1.4. Monitoring the remote work set by teachers in their subject – explain how they'll do this, such as through regular meetings with teachers or by reviewing work set

4.3.1.5. Alerting teachers to resources they can use to teach their subject remotely

4.4. Senior leaders

4.4.1. Alongside any teaching responsibilities, senior leaders are responsible for:

4.4.1.1. Co-ordinating the remote learning approach across the school

4.4.1.2. Monitoring the effectiveness of remote learning – through regular meetings with teachers and subject key stage leaders, reviewing work set and reaching out for feedback from pupils and parents

4.4.1.3. Monitoring the security of remote learning systems, including data protection and safeguarding considerations

4.5. Designated safeguarding lead

4.5.1. The DSL is responsible for:

4.5.2. Ensuring staff know how to recognise and report concerns that arise during on-line learning sessions

4.5.3. Ensuring staff are aware of the code of conduct, particularly in relation to the delivery of on-line learning (see section 7 below)

4.6. The SENCO

4.6.1. The SENCO is responsible for:

4.6.1.1. Liaising with the ICT technicians to ensure that the technology used for remote learning is accessible to all pupils and that reasonable adjustments are made where required.

4.6.1.2. Ensuring that pupils with EHC plans continue to have their needs met while learning remotely, and liaising with the headteacher and other organisations to make any alternate arrangements for pupils with EHC plans and IHPs

4.6.1.3. Identifying the level of support

4.7. IT staff

4.7.1. IT staff are responsible for:

- 4.7.1.1. Fixing issues with systems used to set and collect work
- 4.7.1.2. Helping staff and parents with any technical issues they're experiencing
- 4.7.1.3. Reviewing the security of remote learning systems and flagging any data protection breaches to the data protection lead
- 4.7.1.4. Assisting pupils and parents with accessing the internet or devices

4.8. Pupils and parents

4.8.1. Staff can expect pupils learning remotely to:

- 4.8.1.1. Be contactable during the school day
- 4.8.1.2. Complete work to the deadline set by teachers
- 4.8.1.3. Seek help if they need it, from teachers or teaching assistants
- 4.8.1.4. Alert teachers if they are not able to complete work

4.8.2. Staff can expect parents with children learning remotely to:

- 4.8.2.1. Make the school aware if their child is sick or otherwise cannot complete work
- 4.8.2.2. Seek help from the school if they need it
- 4.8.2.3. Be respectful when making any complaints or concerns known to staff

4.9. Governing body and regional directors

4.9.1. The governing body and regional directors are responsible for:

- 4.9.1.1. Monitoring the school's approach to providing remote learning to ensure education remains as high quality as possible
- 4.9.1.2. Ensuring that staff are certain that remote learning systems are appropriately secure, for both data protection and safeguarding reasons

5. Who to contact

5.1.1. If staff have any questions or concerns about remote learning, they should contact the following individuals:

- 5.1.1.1. Issues in setting work – talk to the relevant subject lead or SENCO
- 5.1.1.2. Issues with behaviour – talk to the relevant head of phase or year
- 5.1.1.3. Issues with IT – talk to IT staff
- 5.1.1.4. Issues with their own workload or wellbeing – talk to their line manager
- 5.1.1.5. Concerns about data protection – talk to the data protection lead
- 5.1.1.6. Concerns about safeguarding – talk to the DSL

6. Data protection

6.1. Accessing personal data

6.1.1. When accessing personal data for remote learning purposes, all staff members will:

- 6.1.1.1. Find details of contact telephone numbers using the secure GO4Schools School site. Email addresses for students are available via the Academy's gmail system.
- 6.1.1.2. Staff should only use Academy devices to access personal data on students when working remotely.
- 6.1.1.3. Where a group email is to be sent to more than one parental contact this must be done using BCC. Under no circumstances should multiple email addresses be added to either the TO or CC address lines.

6.2. Processing personal data

6.2.1. Staff members may need to collect and/or share personal data such as email addresses as part of the remote learning system. As long as this processing is necessary for the school's official functions, individuals won't need to give permission for this to happen.

6.2.2. However, staff are reminded to collect and/or share as little personal data as possible online.

6.3. Keeping devices secure

6.3.1. All staff members will take appropriate steps to ensure their devices remain secure. This includes, but is not limited to:

- 6.3.1.1. Keeping the device password-protected – strong passwords are at least 8 characters, with a combination of upper and lower-case letters, numbers and special characters (e.g. asterisk or currency symbol)
- 6.3.1.2. Ensuring the hard drive is encrypted – this means if the device is lost or stolen, no one can access the files stored on the hard drive by attaching it to a new device
- 6.3.1.3. Making sure the device locks if left inactive for a period of time
- 6.3.1.4. Not sharing the device among family or friends
- 6.3.1.5. Installing antivirus and anti-spyware software
- 6.3.1.6. Keeping operating systems up to date – always install the latest updates

7. Safeguarding

7.1. All staff members must adhere to the following guidance:

- 7.1.1. If a staff member notices pupil behaviour during a live online lesson that they believe indicates a safeguarding concern then they must log this on CPOMS. If they believe that the situation requires immediate attention they should contact the school immediately on the discovery of the concern, to be connected to the duty safeguarding personnel.
- 7.1.2. When a teacher is delivering a live online lesson they must be dressed appropriately ensuring that a professional persona is kept at all times. As the camera will always be on the teacher, it is important that the setting that the lesson is recorded in is appropriate. The location should be in a professional space where personal information is not on show. It is recommended that laptop/desktop or tablet cameras are set to focus on the teacher from the shoulders up. Where possible, teachers should enable the 'blur background' function.
- 7.1.3. Pupils will be informed that when engaging in a live online lesson they should be in a safe and open family space. They should not be alone in their bedroom. The kitchen table or family room would be an ideal place for the live online lesson to take place.
- 7.1.4. At the start of each live online lesson, the teacher should ensure that pupils understand the rules and expectations. This will ensure the safeguarding of both teacher and pupils. 1:1 lessons between pupil and teacher should not take place unless they meet the guidelines below. If a live online lesson has

been set and only one pupil is waiting in the lobby the staff member will need to reschedule the session to a later date with more pupils.

7.2. 1:1 lessons

7.2.1. In some circumstances, 1:1 lessons are necessary and appropriate. This may be the case where pupils are undertaking specialist interventions. However teachers must adhere to the following;

7.2.1.1. No teacher gives a 1:1 lesson without prior consent from a member of SLT.

7.2.1.2. Where lesson links are sent to pupils, the lesson link is also sent to their line manager and a member of SLT who may access the lesson at any time.

7.2.1.3. A prior agreement has been made with the parent or carer around the purpose of the lesson. The parent or carer agrees to be in the room with the child as the appropriate adult.

7.2.1.4. At the start of the lesson, the parent or carer acknowledges their presence in the room before the lesson begins.

7.2.1.5. All lessons are recorded.

7.3. Recorded lessons

7.3.1. If staff are recording lessons, they must ensure that they have sent the GDPR compliance letter to pupils, parents and carers found in the *Teaching and Training > Remote Learning > Resources for Parents* section on OATnet.

7.3.2. Staff should only circulate recorded lessons if they are appropriate for use.

7.3.3. All recorded lessons should be deleted after 30 days unless they are required for safeguarding or another legitimate reason. The reason for keeping the recording needs to be documented clearly.

7.3.4. Where the hosting platform provides the functionality for customised retention periods, these should be set to avoid recordings being kept for longer than 30 days

8. Monitoring arrangements

8.1. This policy will be reviewed every six months by the principal. At every review, it will be approved by the local governing body.

9. Links with other policies

9.1. This policy is linked to the:

- Behaviour for learning policy
- Child protection and safeguarding policy
- Data protection and freedom of information policy
- Pupil privacy notice and Workforce privacy notice
- Technology acceptable use policy