

Remote education provision: information for parents

This information is intended 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.

For details of what to expect where individual pupils are self-isolating, please see the final section of this page.

The remote curriculum: what is taught to pupils at home

A pupil's first day or two of being educated remotely might look different from our standard approach, while we take all necessary actions to prepare for a longer period of remote teaching.

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

The College moved to a blended learning model at the beginning of the 20/21 academic year for the majority of students. The purpose of the blended learning model was to develop online provision and ensure that College was fully prepared in the event of a full lock down where on-site provision was not possible for the majority of learners. This means that in-class provision can easily be switched to remote learning if necessary. We would expect the majority of classes to go ahead as planned in the first few days following students being sent home.

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?

The College will seek to continue to deliver the full curriculum as far as possible through remote learning. In some cases, it will not be practical or possible to deliver certain aspects of the curriculum, such exceptions to this will include:

- Practical subjects, where college facilities are required in order to complete tasks or assignments. Examples of this might be sports activities, science experiment or activities requiring access to specialist equipment.
- Where delivery of the full curriculum is not possible the College will make every effort to maintain learning as best as possible while the College is not able to open fully. This might mean, for example, changing the sequence of the curriculum to concentrate on work that can be delivered remotely, or delivering different units as an alternative to practical sessions.

Remote teaching and study time each day

How long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?

We expect that remote education (including remote teaching and independent work) will take pupils broadly the following number of hours each day:

All College courses	Students should follow their normal timetable which will be delivered Tuesday – Friday. Homework / coursework will be set as usual where practical. On Mondays additional work will be set for independent study to be reviewed during the week.
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Accessing remote education

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

Remote learning, including live session, will be delivered through Microsoft Teams.

Students will also have access to eBrock, the College's e-learning platform for additional materials and resources.

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

We recognise that some pupils may not have suitable online access at home. We take the following approaches to support those pupils to access remote education:

The College is open for vulnerable learners and children of key workers. In addition, if a student does not have appropriate facilities to be able to study at home, they can request to access to the main College site in order to take advantage of the study facilities. This can be done by request by completing the form here:

<https://www.brock.ac.uk/coronavirus/>

The College has an active programme to provide laptops on a loan basis for students who do not have access to the technology required to work from home. These are prioritised for those in receipt of a bursary, but we will consider applications from all students who can demonstrate a need for equipment to help you study. If you require a laptop please contact Mandy Stevenson at mstevenson@brock.ac.uk with your name, student number and the reason why you would like an equipment loan to assist with your studies.

How will my child be taught remotely?

We use a combination of the following approaches to teach pupils remotely:

Teaching will be delivered in a variety of ways depending on the course and the teaching staff. This will include:

- live teaching (online lessons)
- recorded teaching
- resource packs produced by teachers (e.g. workbooks, worksheets)
- textbooks and reading books pupils have at home
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences (e.g. YouTube)
- long-term project work and/or internet research activities

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?

- We expect all students to be engaging fully at home. Students will be following their normal timetable, and we expect students to be attending in full.
- Parents should contact the absence line 01590 625530 or attendance@brock.ac.uk in the usual way if a student is unable to attend classes.

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

- Homework and assignments will be set, handed and marked in the usual way.
- Non-attendance and or engagement will be followed up by the College usually through a student's Student Support Manager or member of the pastoral support team in the first instance

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

Feedback can take many forms and may not always mean extensive written comments for individual children. For example, whole-class feedback or quizzes marked automatically via digital platforms are also valid and effective methods, amongst many others. Our approach to feeding back on pupil work is as follows:

- Feedback will be provided by a variety of methods
 - Remote assignment / homework marking and feedback
 - Quizzes and tests
 - 1-1 or groups feedback through MS Teams

Second Year A Level students will complete mock exams week commencing 25th January 2021.

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?

We recognise that some pupils, for example some pupils 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 pupils in the following ways:

- The College remains open for vulnerable learners and this includes SEND learners.
- SEND learners have all been contacted to ensure that they are able to engage effectively with learning.
- For learners with a learning support assistant, they continue to work with them remotely, including supporting them during live sessions
- Our skills development team continues to support learners remotely
- Additional health and welfare checks are in place for SEND learners.

Remote education for self-isolating pupils

Where individual pupils need to self-isolate but the majority of their peer group remains in school, how remote education is provided will likely differ from the approach for whole groups. This is due to the challenges of teaching pupils both at home and in school.

If my child is not in school because they are self-isolating, how will their remote education differ from the approaches described above?

The College is providing live lessons and where possible these lessons are also recorded so that students who are self-isolating are still able to engage fully in the curriculum.

Adults and Apprenticeships

The provision for adults and apprenticeship will be different depending on the course being studied. For full details, please contact the course leader who will be able to provide the appropriate information.

- Adult professional skill classes will run online, where possible
- Apprenticeship courses will run online, where possible
- Limited adult leisure provision will run online, where possible
- Employment Support Services are not running courses at this time.
- Hengistbury Head Outdoor Education Centre remains closed