



ALTON
@ HOME

GUIDED AND INTERACTIVE LEARNING: A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND PUPILS





Head's Introduction

I am so proud of Alton@Home as this embodies what is at the very heart of our school: that we are student-centred, innovative, purposeful and brave. This programme builds upon the successes of the remote learning programme of last year and has also been adapted to ensure that we continue to offer an interactive, agile and sustainable curriculum for our students.

Individual wellbeing is also a key component of Alton@Home. We have a strong pastoral team and built in the opportunity for one-to-one meetings to ensure that our students feel supported at all times. We recognise that learning remotely can be challenging so it is vital that we hold on to our core values of mutual respect and the pursuit of excellence.

Our teaching staff will work tirelessly to adapt to home learning and will do whatever they can to help. The success of Alton@Home will continue to be a partnership between home and School and I am confident that we will all rise to this challenge.

Above all, take care, stay safe and healthy and know that the Alton Community will be with you every step of the way on this journey.

K. Guest





Overview

Timetable

We have rearranged the Timetable to allow at least a 10 minute break between lessons. This has been designed so that pupils can get away from their screens, stretch and move about.

This time could also be used to get ready for the next lesson or upload completed work to Teams, SMHW or email as requested by their teacher.

If a pupil is unwell and not able to participate in any remote learning, parents should email the form tutor and call the School Office.

Any Year 12 or 13 lessons that have been scheduled during lunch throughout the this year will continue as such.

Teaching and Learning

Structured, timetabled lessons

Teams virtual classrooms

Live interactive learning with teachers

Assessment: work set and marked

House Points

8.30 - 8.45am	Registration Pupils do not need to register on Teams outside of these times
8.50 - 9.40am	Lesson 1
9.50 - 10.40am	Lesson 2
10.40 - 11.10am	Break
11.10am - 12noon	Lesson 3
12.10 - 1.00pm	Lesson 4
1.00 - 1.55pm	Lunch
1.55 - 2.10pm	Registration Pupils do not need to register on Teams outside of these times
2.10 - 3.00pm	Lesson 5
3.10 - 4.00pm	Lesson 6



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Remote learning in more detail

Will there be face to face lessons?

To ensure pupils have sufficient teacher interaction we have structured the teaching per subject lesson to be a minimum of 50% face to face. For example:

- 1 subject lesson p/w = face to face
- 2 subject lessons p/w = at least one face to face
- 3 subject lessons p/w = at least two face to face
- 4 subject lessons p/w = at least two face to face

What happens during face to face remote teaching?

The teacher will introduce the lesson with clear learning objectives (for around 20 mins).

Pupils will then work independently (the teacher will still be on hand for any questions).

Teachers will bring the pupils back together at the end of the lesson.

What will happen during other lessons, which aren't face to face?

For other lessons, the pupils must sign in with their teacher on Teams, however, they may be set work to complete during this time.

In Years 7 & 8, PE, Games and Carousel time will be used for daily physical activity and the completion of any outstanding classwork. Years 9, 10 and 11 will also use their PE and Games lessons as above.

PSHMEE time will be used for pastoral one-to-one meetings with Tutors.

Will there be homework?

Homework will not be set whilst remote learning is taking place. Pupils may request extension work from their subject teachers when the need arises.

What happens if my child is unwell?

If a pupil is unwell and not able to participate in any remote learning, the parents should email the form tutor and call the School Office.

[CLICK HERE](#)

[for the 'how to'
Guide on Remote
Learning for parents
and pupils](#)

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[for the Remote
Learning rules for
pupils](#)



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Academic/Welfare Balance

Pastoral Responsibilities during School closure

We will maintain the usual pastoral support structures during Alton@Home remote learning. Please contact the Form Tutor with any queries in the first instance.

Safeguarding

Keeping pupils and staff safe during online learning is essential. We will be following our normal safeguarding policy and procedures during this time which includes online learning. It is vital that students know to report anything they are concerned about to a member of staff. This can be done either by email, private teams' message or you may wish to call the school office on 01420 82070 and ask to speak to a Designated Safeguard Lead.

Any non-attendance will be followed up so it is important students register at the appropriate times and if for some reason a student is not attending online learning for the day, a message must be sent to the school office and the form tutor prior to 8:30 am.

A member of staff will arrange a 1 to 1 pastoral catch up for any student that has been home learning for more than 1 week. This is in place to discuss both academic progress and any pastoral concerns you may have.

For more information, please read the [government guidance on safeguarding and remote education here](#) or Alton Schools Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and e-Safety Policy which can be found on the school's website.

Coronavirus: resources for Mental Health and Wellbeing

Heads Together have published a free toolkit with resources and tips to help address anxiety arising from these challenging times.

The toolkit includes a booklet to support schools, videos to provide practical guidance and tips to schools, parents and carers about coronavirus (COVID-19) and mental health, activities to ease anxiety that can be done at school or at home and other helpful advice, helplines and resources for adults and children.

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/1960/coronavirus-mental-health-and-wellbeing-resources.pdf>

YoungMinds Helpline for parents and young people

If there are concerns about a young person's mental health during this difficult time, you can contact the YoungMinds Helplines.

Parents Helpline: If you are a parent who needs advice about your child's mental health you can contact the Parents Helpline directly on 0808 802 between 9:30am-4pm

YoungMinds Crisis Messenger: If you are a young person experiencing a mental health crisis you can text YM to 85258 for free 24/7 support

The Young Minds website is here: <https://youngminds.org.uk/>



Contacts

Our admin team are still contactable by phone on 01420 82070 and email.

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