



Abingdon Prep School Remote Learning Information for pupils & parents in Years 3 - 6

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How long will my son need to remain at home and learn remotely?

In line with current government guidance, boys will be learning remotely until half term. This will then be reviewed by the government and we will let you know the next steps at that time.

If I am a key worker can my son come into school during this time?

Yes, if you are a key worker under the [government definition](#). Please contact Rachel Pairman (rachel.pairman@abingdonprep.org.uk) if you have not already done so to confirm that your son will be in school as the son of a key worker. Rachel will be sending out further details directly to key worker families and a sign up form every week to ask for the days which your son will be attending.

If I am not a key worker but would like my son to be in school can he come in?

No, only the children of key workers and other specified groups (whose parents would be contacted directly by the school) are able to be in school at present.

Will my son need to follow his normal timetable?

Yes. It is essential that your son follows his normal timetable in full and accesses each teacher's zoom details via Google Classroom.

He should dial in promptly at the start of each lesson so that he does not miss key teaching points.

Will my son need to zoom into form times (am and pm)?

Yes. Your son should dial into his form teacher's zoom for registration and form time every morning at 8.25am.

For afternoon registration at 13.20, your son will be registered by the teacher of that lesson. It is essential that he dials into their zoom promptly.

Will all lessons be live zoomed?

Yes, wherever possible. Teachers will start each lesson, teach live and remain on the zoom for the duration of the lesson in all academic lessons. In physical and creative arts subjects, teachers will start the lesson and be available throughout. There may be exceptions where a teacher cannot live zoom if, for example, they are unwell and absent from school. A suitable cover lesson arrangement will be made in that case.

Boys need to ensure that their cameras are turned on during the lesson unless told otherwise by the teacher.

Can my son opt not to attend some lessons?

No. It is essential that your son dials into every lesson.

Can my son opt to do the work at a time that suits him rather than follow the timetable?

No. The lessons will be taught live rather than pre-recorded so it is essential your son follows his timetable to allow him the opportunity to ask questions and interact with his teachers.

What if my son has technical difficulties in terms of accessing Zoom or Google Classroom?

Please contact George Moore, Information Systems and IT Co-ordinator via the main school office number or by email (george.moore@abingdonprep.org.uk).

Please also ensure that your son notifies the relevant teacher as soon as possible.

What equipment does my son need at home?

Your son will need access to a personal device, his text books and exercise books, his full pencil case and plain paper. It might be useful if he has access to a printer. Teachers will specify any equipment needed for their lessons in advance if appropriate and it is essential that your son organises himself so that he is ready for the lesson. Form teachers will assist in form times each morning to remind the boys what they need.

If you have not been able to collect your son's resources from school at the designated times, please contact the school office if you wish to arrange to do so.

What if my son is ill and cannot take part in remote learning?

Please contact the school office and your son's form teacher as you would if your son were in school. If your son has Covid symptoms, please also notify Craig Williams and Rachel Pairman.

Teachers will support your son in catching up once he feels better in the same way they would if he were absent from being in school.

Will Other Half activities be happening for the boys during remote learning?

Starting next week and, where possible and meaningful, Other Half activities will happen online during this time (including for those in key worker school). Teachers who run each activity will contact your sons directly if they are able to run an online version of their club. For sport related clubs, this will not be possible.

Will individual music lessons and LAMDA lessons take place?

VMTs will offer online lessons and our LAMDA coach will be in touch with parents individually.