

# CHELLINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND FEDERATION



## **Happiness Through Wisdom**

*"Gold there is, and rubies in abundance, but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel."*

**Proverbs 20:15**

**St. Lawrence VA Primary School /  
Christopher Reeves VA Primary School**

# **Remote Learning Policy**

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## **Statement of Federation Philosophy**

The Chellington Federation Church of England Federation is a Christian learning environment at the heart of its communities. We promote care and respect, and expect high standards in all aspects of Federation life.

As a Church of England Federation, the schools promote a friendly, caring, family ethos where everyone works as a team to support each other across all areas of school life thus encouraging Happiness through Wisdom - "There is gold and a multitude of rubies; but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel." Proverbs 20:15

In each school, we aim to build communities clearly based on Christian values. At Christopher Reeves, the whole community is encouraged to 'Live our Values' being strong and courageous to follow God's love and stand steadfast. "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord, your God, will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

At St Lawrence we encourage all children to 'Let Their Light Shine' through the core values of hope (Letting our light shine gives us hope for the future.), courage (We have courage to Let our Light Shine.) and perseverance (When we persevere our light can shine). "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5: 14-16

This policy, and its associated procedures and protocols, is based on these key principles.

With these values and principles in mind, The Chellington Federation has always strived to be creative, innovative and support our parents/children in the best way possible to make learning purposeful and holistic. Our strategy for remote learning continues this.

## **Aims**

This remote learning policy for staff aims to:

- Ensure consistency in the approach to remote learning for pupils who aren't in school
- Set out expectations for all members of the school community with regards to remote learning
- Provide appropriate guidelines for data protection

## **Use of remote learning**

All pupils should attend school, in line with our attendance policy.

We will consider providing remote education to pupils in circumstances when in-person attendance is either not possible or contrary to government guidance.

This might include:

- Occasions when we decide that opening our school is either:
  - Not possible to do safely
  - Contradictory to guidance from local or central government
- Occasions when individual pupils, for a limited duration, are unable to physically attend school but are able to continue learning, for example because they have an infectious illness. In these cases, the pupil must be well enough to engage with learning.

## **Content and Tools to Deliver This Remote Education Plan**

Resources to deliver this Remote Education Plan include:

- Online tools for EYFS KS1 KS2 (*Tapestry Google Classroom, school websites*)
- Use of Recorded video (*or Live Video if used*) for Start Day registration, instructional videos and collective worship
- Phone calls home
- Printed learning packs (where needed)
- Physical materials such as story books and writing tools where necessary
- Use of BBC Bitesize, Oak Academy, *White Rose Maths, Espresso, TT Rockstars, Prodigy, Phonics Play, BBC Bitesize, Oak Academy, Get Set 4 PE, Top Marks*

The detailed remote learning planning and resources to deliver this policy can be found on the individual school websites and include:

- Model Timetable and structure for remote learning
- Curriculum resources
- Remote Learning Code of Conduct for staff, parents and pupils
- Google Classroom Pupil Use Agreement

## **Roles and responsibilities**

### **Teachers**

When providing remote learning, teachers must be available between 9.00am and 3.30pm. If they're 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.

When providing remote learning, teachers should:

- Provide pupils with access to remote education as soon as reasonably practicable, though in proportion to the length of absence and disruption to the learning of all learners
- Make reasonable adjustments for pupils with SEND to access remote education, where required, informed by relevant considerations including the support families will require and the types of services that pupils can access remotely

### **Teaching assistants**

When assisting with remote learning, teaching assistants must be available for their normal working hours.

If they're 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.

### **Senior Leaders**

Alongside any teaching responsibilities, senior leaders are responsible for:

- Co-ordinating the remote learning approach across the school including daily monitoring of engagement.

- Monitoring the effectiveness of remote learning – through regular meetings with teachers and subject leaders, reviewing work set or reaching out for feedback from pupils and parents
- Monitoring the security of remote learning systems, including data protection and safeguarding considerations

### **Designated safeguarding lead**

The DSL is responsible for managing and dealing with all safeguarding concerns. For further information, please see the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

### **IT Technicians**

IT technicians are responsible for:

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

### **The SENCO**

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.

- Ensuring that pupils with EHC plans continue to have their needs met while learning remotely, and liaising with the Executive Headteacher and other organisations to make any alternate arrangements for pupils with EHC plans and ASPs
- Identifying the level of support

### **The SBM**

- Ensuring value for money when arranging the procurement of equipment or technology.
- Ensuring that the school has adequate insurance to cover all remote working arrangements.

### **Pupils and parents**

Staff can expect pupils learning remotely to:

- Log in to online lessons daily
- Complete work to the deadline set by teachers
- Seek help if they need it, from teachers
- Alert teachers if they're not able to complete work

Staff can expect parents with children learning remotely to:

- Make the school aware if their child is sick or otherwise can't complete work
- Seek help from the school if they need it – if you know of any resources staff should point parents towards if they're struggling, include those here
- Be respectful when making any complaints or concerns known to staff

### **Governing Board**

The governing board is responsible for:

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

### **Who to contact**

If staff have any questions or concerns about remote learning, they should contact the Executive Headteacher in the first instance.

### **Data protection**

#### **Accessing personal data**

When accessing personal data for remote learning purposes, staff members who have access to SIMs will access the data needed and share with only those who need it.

#### **Processing personal data**

Staff members may need to collect and/or share personal data such as email addresses and phone numbers 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. The school will follow its data protection policy / privacy notice in terms of handling data.

However, staff are reminded to collect and/or share as little personal data as possible online, and to remind themselves of their duties in terms of data protection in accordance with the school's policies and procedures.

#### **Keeping devices secure**

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

- 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)
- 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
- Making sure the device locks if left inactive for a period of time
- Not sharing the device among family or friends

- Installing antivirus and anti-spyware software
- Keeping operating systems up to date – always install the latest updates

**Links with other policies**

This policy is linked to our:

- Behaviour policy
- Child protection policy and coronavirus addendum to our child protection policy
- Data protection policy and privacy notices
- Home-school agreement
- ICT and internet acceptable use policy
- Online safety policy

**Confirmation:**

This policy has been reviewed and agreed by the Governing Body on 4th October 2023 and will be renewed in October 2024.

If you require a hard copy of this policy, please contact the school office.