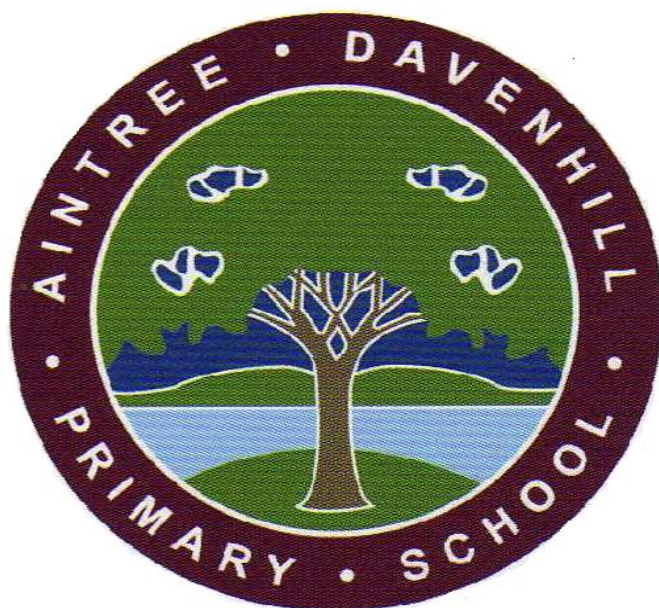


Aintree Davenhill Primary School



Pupil Remote Learning Policy

Approved by the Headteacher

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Statement of intent

At Aintree Davenhill, we understand the need to continually deliver high quality education, including during periods of remote working – whether for an individual pupil or many. We recognise the importance of maintaining high expectations in all areas of school life and ensuring that all pupils have access to the learning resources and support they need to succeed.

Through the implementation of this policy, we aim to address the key concerns associated with remote working, such as online safety, access to educational resources, data protection, and safeguarding.

This policy aims to:

- Minimise the disruption to pupils' education and the delivery of the curriculum.
- Ensure provision is in place so that all pupils have access to high quality learning resources.
- Protect pupils from the risks associated with using devices connected to the internet.
- Ensure staff, parent, and pupil data remains secure and is not lost or misused.
- Ensure robust safeguarding measures continue to be in effect during the period of remote learning.
- Ensure all pupils have the provision they need to complete their work to the best of their ability, and to remain happy, healthy, and supported during periods of remote learning.

Legal Framework

- This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:
Equality Act 2010
Education Act 2004
The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
The Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013
Data Protection Act 2018
- This policy has due regard to national guidance including, but not limited to, the following:
DfE (2025) 'Keeping children safe in education'
DfE (2022) 'Working together to improve school attendance'
DfE (2017) 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years'
DfE (2022) 'Health and safety: responsibilities and duties for schools'
DfE (2016) 'Children missing education'
DfE (2020) 'Safeguarding and remote education during coronavirus (COVID-19)'
- This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:
Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
Data Protection Policy
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy
Behaviour and Relationships Policy
Accessibility Policy
Marking and Feedback Policy
Curriculum Policy
Assessment Policy
E-Safety Policy
Health and Safety Policy
Attendance Policy
Social Media Policy
Staff Code of Conduct
Data and E-Security Breach Prevention and Management Plan

Roles and Responsibilities

The governing board is responsible for:

- Ensuring that the school has robust risk management procedures in place.
- Ensuring that the school has a business continuity plan in place, where required.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of the school's remote learning arrangements.

The headteacher is responsible for:

- Ensuring that staff, parents and pupils adhere to the relevant policies at all times.
- Ensuring that there are arrangements in place for identifying, evaluating, and managing the risks associated with remote learning.

- Ensuring that there are arrangements in place for monitoring incidents associated with remote learning.
- Overseeing that the school has the resources necessary to action the procedures in this policy.
- Reviewing the effectiveness of this policy on an annual basis and communicating any changes to staff, parents, and pupils.
- Arranging any additional training staff may require to support pupils during the period of remote learning.
- Conducting frequent reviews of the remote learning arrangements to ensure pupils' education does not suffer.

The health and safety officer is responsible for:

- Ensuring that the relevant health and safety risk assessments are carried out within the agreed timeframes, in collaboration with the headteacher.
- Putting procedures and safe systems of learning into practice, which are designed to eliminate or reduce the risks associated with remote learning.
- Ensuring that pupils identified as being at risk are provided with necessary information and instruction, as required.
- Managing the effectiveness of health and safety measures through a robust system of reporting, investigating, and recording incidents.

The DPO is responsible for:

- Overseeing that all school-owned electronic devices used for remote learning have adequate anti-virus software and malware protection.
- Ensuring all staff, parents, and pupils are aware of the data protection principles outlined in the GDPR.
- Ensuring that all computer programs used for remote learning are compliant with the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.
- Overseeing that any ICT equipment used for remote learning is resilient and can efficiently recover lost data.

The DSL is responsible for:

- Attending and arranging, where necessary, any safeguarding meetings that occur during the remote learning period.
- Liaising with the ICT technicians to ensure that all technology used for remote learning is suitable for its purpose and will protect pupils online.
- Identifying vulnerable pupils who may be at risk if they are learning remotely.
- Ensuring that child protection plans are enforced while the pupil is learning remotely, and liaising with other organisations to make alternate arrangements for pupils who are at a high risk, where required.
- Identifying the level of support or intervention required while pupils learn remotely and ensuring appropriate measures are in place.
- Liaising with relevant individuals to ensure vulnerable pupils receive the support required during the period of remote working.

- Ensuring all safeguarding incidents are adequately recorded and reported.

The SENDCO is responsible for:

- 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 headteacher and other organisations to make any alternate arrangements for pupils with EHC plans and IHPs.
- Identifying the level of support or intervention that is required while pupils with SEND learn remotely.
- Ensuring that the provision put in place for pupils with SEND is monitored for effectiveness throughout the duration of the remote learning period.

The SBM is responsible for:

- Arranging the procurement of any equipment or technology required for staff to teach remotely and for pupils to learn from home.
- 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.

The ICT technicians are responsible for:

- Ensuring that all school-owned devices used for remote learning have suitable anti-virus software installed, have a secure connection, can recover lost work, and allow for audio and visual material to be recorded, where required.
- Ensuring that any programs or networks used for remote learning can effectively support a large number of users at one time, where required, e.g. undertaking 'stress' testing.
- Working with the SENDCO to ensure that the equipment and technology used for learning remotely is accessible to all pupils and staff.

Staff members are responsible for:

- Adhering to this policy at all times during periods of remote learning.
- Reporting any health and safety incidents to the health and safety officer and asking for guidance as appropriate.
- Reporting any safeguarding incidents to the DSL and asking for guidance as appropriate.
- Taking part in any training conducted to meet the requirements of this policy, including training on how to use the necessary electronic equipment and software.
- Reporting any dangers or potential dangers they identify, as well as any concerns they may have about remote learning, to the headteacher.
- Reporting any defects on school-owned equipment used for remote learning to an ICT technician.
- Adhering to the Staff Code of Conduct at all times.

Parents are responsible for:

- Adhering to this policy at all times during periods of remote learning.

- Ensuring their child is available to learn remotely at the times given by the class teacher, and that the schoolwork set is completed on time and to the best of their child's ability.
- Reporting any technical issues to the school as soon as possible.
- Ensuring that their child always has access to remote learning material during the times given.
- Informing the class teacher if their child is unable to attend a virtual learning session.
- Ensuring their child uses the equipment and technology used for remote learning as intended.
- Adhering to the Parental Agreement for Remote Learning.

Pupils are responsible for:

- Ensuring that their schoolwork is completed on time and to the best of their ability.
- Adhering to the Behaviour Policy at all times when taking part in any virtual learning sessions.

Resources

Learning Materials

- For the purpose of providing remote learning, the school may make use of:

ClassDojo

Work booklets

Assessment papers

Online learning portals

Educational websites

Reading tasks

Live webinars

Pre-recorded video or audio lessons

- Teachers will review the DfE's list of [online education resources](#) and utilise these tools as necessary, in addition to existing resources.
- Reasonable adjustments will be made to ensure that all pupils have access to the resources needed for effective remote learning.
- Lesson plans will be adapted to ensure that the curriculum remains fully accessible via remote learning, where practical – where this is not practical, the school will ensure pupils can catch up on these areas of the curriculum when they return to school.
- Teaching staff will liaise with the SENDCO and other relevant members of staff to ensure all pupils remain fully supported for the duration of the remote learning period.
- Any defects or issues with remote learning resources will be reported as soon as possible to the relevant member of staff.
- Pupils will be required to use their own or family-owned equipment to access remote learning resources, unless the school agrees to provide or loan equipment, e.g. laptops.

- Pupils and parents will be required to maintain the upkeep of any equipment they use to access remote learning resources.
- Teaching staff will oversee academic progression for the duration of the remote learning period and will mark and provide feedback on work.
- The arrangements for any 'live' classes, e.g. webinars, will be communicated via ClassDojo no later than one day before the allotted time and kept to a reasonable length of no more than thirty minutes per session (three times a day).
- The ICT technicians are not responsible for providing technical support for equipment that is not owned by the school.

Food Provision

- The school will signpost parents via Facebook, Class Dojo, letter and phone calls, towards additional support for ensuring their children continue to receive the food they need, e.g. food banks.
- Where applicable, the school may provide the following provision for pupils who receive FSM:
Making food hampers available for delivery or collection
Providing vouchers to families

Costs and Expenses

- The school will not contribute to any household expenses incurred while pupils learn remotely, e.g. heating, lighting, or council tax.
- The school will not reimburse any costs for travel between pupils' homes and the school premises.
- The school will not reimburse any costs for childcare.
- If a pupil is provided with school-owned equipment, the pupil and their parent will sign and adhere to the Technology Acceptable Use Agreement prior to commencing remote learning.

Online Safety

- This section of the policy will be enacted in conjunction with the school's E-Safety Policy.
- Where possible, all interactions will be textual and public.
- All staff and pupils using video communication must:

Communicate in groups – one-to-one sessions are not permitted.

Wear suitable clothing – this includes others in their household.

Be situated in a suitable 'public' living area within the home with an appropriate background – 'private' living areas within the home, such as bedrooms, are not permitted during video communication.

Have an adult in the room with them.

Use appropriate language – this includes others in their household.

Maintain the standard of behaviour expected in school.

Use the necessary equipment and computer programs as intended.

Not record, store, or distribute video material without permission.

Ensure they have a stable connection to avoid disruption to lessons.

Always remain aware that they are visible.

- All staff and pupils using audio communication must:

Use appropriate language – this includes others in their household.

Have an adult in the room with them.

Maintain the standard of behaviour expected in school.

Use the necessary equipment and computer programs as intended.

Not record, store, or distribute audio material without permission.

Ensure they have a stable connection to avoid disruption to lessons.

Always remain aware that they can be heard.

- The school will consider whether one-to-one sessions (with an adult at home present in the room) are appropriate in some circumstances, e.g. to provide support for pupils with SEND. This will be decided and approved by the SLT, in collaboration with the SENDCO.
- Pupils not using devices or software as intended will be disciplined in line with the Behaviour and Relationships Policy.
- The school will risk assess the technology used for remote learning prior to use and ensure that there are no privacy issues or scope for inappropriate use.
- The school will consult with parents prior to the period of remote learning about what methods of delivering remote teaching are most suitable – alternate arrangements will be made where necessary if possible.
- The school will ensure that all school-owned equipment and technology used for remote learning has suitable anti-virus software installed, can establish secure connections, can recover lost work, and allows for audio and visual material to be recorded or downloaded, where required.

- The school will provide parents with a Parental Agreement for Remote Learning and Expectations for Remote Learning. It will be taken that if a child participates in a remote learning session then the parent agrees to adhere to the procedures in the agreement and has talked to their child about the expectations for remote learning.
- The school will communicate to parents about any precautionary measures that need to be put in place if their child is learning remotely using their own/family-owned equipment and technology, e.g. ensuring that their internet connection is secure.
- During the period of remote learning, the school will maintain regular contact with parents to:
 - Reinforce the importance of children staying safe online.
 - Ensure parents are aware of what their children are being asked to do, e.g. sites they have been asked to use and staff they will interact with.
 - Encourage them to set age-appropriate parental controls on devices and internet filters to block malicious websites.
 - Direct parents to useful resources to help them keep their children safe online.
 The school will not be responsible for providing access to the internet off the school premises and will not be responsible for providing online safety software, e.g. anti-virus software, on devices not owned by the school.

Safeguarding

Regular communications with parents will be used to reinforce the importance of keeping pupils safe online. Parents will be made aware of the systems the school uses to filter and monitor online use, as well as what their children are being asked to do during remote education, including:

- The sites that they will be accessing.
- The school staff that they will be interacting with online.

The DSL will arrange for regular contact to be made with vulnerable pupils during a period of remote education.

Additional contact, including home visits, will be considered where required. Phone calls made to vulnerable pupils will be made using school phones where possible.

All contact with vulnerable pupils will be recorded on CPOMS in line with the Records Management Policy.

The DSL will keep in contact with vulnerable pupils' social workers or other care professionals when the pupil is receiving remote education, as required.

All home visits will:

- Have at least one suitably trained individual present.
- Be undertaken by no fewer than two members of staff.
- Be suitably recorded on CPOMS so that the DSL has access to them.
- Actively involve the pupil.
- Only take place following the completion of a Home Visit Risk Assessment.

Vulnerable families will be provided with a means of contacting the DSL, their deputy, or any other relevant member of staff – this arrangement will be set up by the DSL prior to the period of remote learning.

The DSL will meet, in person or remotely, with the relevant members of staff to discuss new and current safeguarding arrangements for vulnerable pupils learning remotely.

All members of staff will report any safeguarding concerns to the DSL immediately. Pupils and their parents will be encouraged to contact the DSL if they wish to report safeguarding concerns, e.g. regarding harmful or upsetting content or incidents of online bullying. The school will also signpost families to the practical support that is available for reporting these concerns.

Staff will always have due regard for the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy during remote education, e.g. whilst conducting live online lessons.

The planning of live lessons will always be carried out in conjunction with the school's DSL.

The school will ensure the system used for live online lessons does not have a minimum age requirement above the age bracket of pupils attending the lesson.

Pupils will not share private information through the live online system. Pupils will not respond to contact requests from people they do not know when using systems for live online lessons.

Parents will be informed of the reporting lines, should their child see or hear anything inappropriate during live online lessons – ClassDojo. Parents will be provided with the contact details of the DSL to report any concerns.

Staff will ensure all video and phone calls are not set to public. Meeting links will not be published publicly.

Support staff will be on hand to supervise and handle any sudden changes or developments, such as disputes between pupils, that may occur during the live online lesson.

Staff will uphold their safeguarding obligations and will report any incidents or potential concerns to the DSL in line with the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

The school will ensure that parents know what pupils are expected to do for a live online lesson, including the websites pupils will be asked to use and the school staff pupils will interact with online.

The school will communicate the importance of online safety to parents, and encourage parents to set age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and use internet filters to block malicious websites. The school will inform parents of the government-approved resources on child online safety to support parents further.

Data Protection

- This section of the policy will be enacted in conjunction with the school's Data Protection Policy.

- Staff members will be responsible for adhering to the GDPR when teaching remotely and will ensure the confidentiality and integrity of their devices at all times.
- Sensitive data will only be transferred between devices if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of remote learning and teaching.
- Any data that is transferred between devices will be suitably encrypted or have other data protection measures in place so that if the data is lost, stolen, or subject to unauthorised access, it remains safe until recovered.
- Parents' contact details will be collected prior to the period of remote learning.
- All contact details will be stored in line with the Data Protection Policy.
- The school will not permit paper copies of contact details to be taken off the school premises.
- Pupils are not permitted to let their family members or friends use any school-owned equipment which contains personal data.
- Any breach of confidentiality will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Data and E-Security Breach Prevention Management Plan.
- Any intentional breach of confidentiality will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Behavioural Policy or the Disciplinary Policy and Procedure.

Marking and Feedback

- All schoolwork set through remote learning must be:

Complete when returned to the relevant member of teaching staff.

Returned before the deadline set by the relevant member of teaching staff.

Completed to the best of the pupil's ability.

The pupil's own work.

Marked in line with the Marking and Feedback Policy.

Returned to the pupil, once marked, by an agreed date.

- The school expects pupils and staff to maintain a good work ethic and a high quality of work during the period of remote learning.
- Pupils are accountable for the completion of their own schoolwork – teaching staff will contact parents via email if their child is not completing their schoolwork or their standard of work has

noticeably decreased. Members of SLT will call parents if there is no or little engagement from families.

- Work that cannot be completed for genuine reasons will be completed when the pupil returns to school.
- Teaching staff will monitor the academic progress of pupils with and without access to the online learning resources and discuss additional support or provision with the headteacher as soon as possible.
- Teaching staff will monitor the academic progress of pupils with SEND and discuss additional support or provision with the SENDCO as soon as possible.

Health and Safety

- This section of the policy will be enacted in conjunction with the school's Health and Safety Policy.
- Teaching staff and ICT technicians will ensure pupils are shown how to use the necessary equipment and technology safely and correctly prior to the period of remote learning.
- If using electronic devices during remote learning, pupils will be encouraged to take a five-minute screen break every hour.
- Screen break frequency will be adjusted for pupils with medical conditions who require more frequent screen breaks.
- If any incidents or near-misses occur in a pupil's home, they or their parents are required to report these to the class teacher or headteacher immediately so that appropriate action can be taken.

School Day and Absence

- Pupils will be present for remote learning from Monday to Friday at the times given by the class teacher.
- When the children are working remotely, suggested breaks and lunchtimes are:

morning break 10:30-10:45am

lunchtime 12:00-1:00pm

afternoon break 2:15pm-2:30pm
- Pupils are not expected to do schoolwork during the times suggested above.

- Pupils with SEND or additional medical conditions who require more regular breaks, e.g. sensory breaks, are not expected to do schoolwork during their breaks.
- Pupils who are unwell are not expected to be present for remote working until they are well enough to do so.
- Parents will inform their child's teacher via ClassDojo if their child is unwell and unable to take part in a class virtual learning session.
- The school will monitor absence in line with the Attendance Policy.

Communication

- The school will ensure adequate channels of communication are arranged in the event of an emergency.
- The school will communicate with parents via Class Dojo and the school website about remote learning arrangements as soon as possible.
- The headteacher will communicate with staff as soon as possible via email about any remote learning arrangements.
- Members of staff involved in remote teaching will ensure they have a working mobile device that is available to take phone calls from school during their agreed working hours. They will ensure that they respond to any work emails during the working day and remain in close contact with the school. It is expected that any emails received from school during a working day will be replied to within 24 hours (if during the working week, the staff member is well and not working in school that day).
- Members of staff will have contact with a member of the SLT at least once per week.
- All communication with pupils and their parents will take place within school hours.
- Parents and pupils will inform the relevant member of staff as soon as possible if schoolwork cannot be completed.
- Issues with remote learning or data protection will be communicated to the class teacher as soon as possible so they can investigate and resolve the issue.
- The class teacher will keep parents and pupils informed of any changes to the remote learning arrangements or the schoolwork set.
- The headteacher will review the effectiveness of communication on a regular basis and ensure measures are put in place to address gaps or weaknesses in communication.

Monitoring and Review

- This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the headteacher.
- Any changes to this policy will be communicated to all members of staff and other stakeholders.