



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?

At Applegarth, we expect pupils to be engaging regularly with their teachers via Seesaw; this is the primary medium for communication between home and school during the national lockdown. Teachers are posting work daily which needs to be completed by pupils working remotely. The work posted on Seesaw is parallel to the learning taking place in school for those children who are accessing on-site school provision.

In addition to regular posts on Seesaw, teachers will set and monitor work on other online platforms such as Developing Experts, Reading Eggs, EdShed (Spelling Shed and Quiz Shed), Busy Things and TT Rockstars. Platforms such as these have diagnostic tools which provide automatic feedback, and in some cases, support or provide instant intervention for pupils based on their individual outcomes. Children can access these at any point, and teachers can monitor their progress through each websites' analysis tools. There will be occasions where teachers set work directly from these websites, in which case they will communicate the directed activities with you via Seesaw.

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

Teachers and support staff across each phase team check interaction on Seesaw daily. As the work posted on Seesaw is in line with the curriculum provision in school, teachers will monitor engagements and responses to these activities as the primary source for eliciting if a child is appropriately and effectively engaged in their remote learning. If the quantity of work posted or quality of work produced is below the expected standard, a member of the phase team or a member of the SLT will contact you directly, this will likely be a phone call in the first instance. If we cannot reach you via phone, we may text or email you through our School Gateway app. It is through these communications that we will work with you to understand and remove any barriers you are facing in regards to your child's remote learning. If you yourself feel you need support from school, please email our monitored email: welfare@applegarth.n-yorks.sch.uk and a member of your child's phase team or SLT will get in touch to support you.

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 feedback is as follows:

Through the impactful feedback given on Seesaw and analysis of outcomes from websites which use diagnostic tools, teachers are able to make assessments of pupils' remote learning. In making these formative assessments, teachers are able to provide next steps in learning for individuals, groups of children and whole classes. There may be occasions where teachers are able to offer whole-class feedback to a piece of work via the next day's activities, announcements, voice notes or video messages.

Our operational plan for remote learning during lockdown means that each day one member of the phase team will be responsible for responding to and supporting with remote learning whilst the other members are on-site working with key worker and vulnerable children. This member of staff will oversee the Seesaw posts for the whole phase and will endeavour to respond to as many posts and queries within their working day as possible. It is for this reason your child may see feedback from a teacher who does not normally teach them. For example, a member of Mr Whiteley's class may receive feedback from Mrs Jones or Mrs Cross in lieu of a response from Mr Whiteley if he is on-site teaching our key worker and vulnerable children. Please be aware that staff are not expected to be available to respond to queries, questions and responses at any time: Seesaw is monitored between 8:30am and 3:00pm, you may get a response after this but it is not guaranteed.