

FAQ

I do not have an electronic device for my child/ren to use. Can school give me a device?

School is more than happy to talk to parents about borrowing a device from school. Parents must sign a form to show they take responsibility for the device and arrange for someone to pick it up from the school. Parents should return devices as soon as their child returns to school.

Can teachers offer one to one or small group support?

Unfortunately, teachers are unable to offer learning to very small groups for the whole school day due to time restrictions. We understand that large groups of pupils all online at the same time can lead to children being unable to hear their teacher and so have organised smaller groups where possible. Children can also access their teacher during a set time in the day to ask specific questions about their learning and this may be in a more personal way.

Teachers will pre-record some of the online provision to ensure that children can replay the learning to themselves and hear what is being said. This will also support any children who are having connection issues within their home as well as any working families who may choose to organise their child's school day around their working hours.

Why is the access to online learning not available on the day the bubble is sent home?

On the day that the bubble is sent home, parents will be sent an off-line learning timetable through Whatsapp. Online learning will begin from the next day with a meeting with parents about the expected timetable of the day. The reason for this is to allow teachers to organise their resources from school, get home, set up their online learning area in their home and re-plan their weekly and daily provision to suit the online learning needs of their class.

I can't remember my child's log-in details. Can I use my own google account?

Only the children will be able to access the Google classroom so it is very important that it is accessed via their own google log-in. We are able to send their log-in details through Whatsapp. Please get in contact with the school either via the usual school number (if school is open) or via the school Whatsapp.

I understand this is compulsory but what happens if we have technical or personal issues that stop us accessing the provision?

We completely understand that parents and families will have their own commitments and personal circumstances that they will need to balance alongside their child being at home. Please do stay in contact with school about this and we will try to support you in anyway possible. We also understand that the internet and devices have glitches and technical difficulties may occur – again let us know and we will offer any support we can.

What happens if we don't have access to the internet?

Children who do not have access to the internet will be given off-line learning. We will talk to families individually about this. In the case of lockdown, children who do not have access to the internet will be offered a place in school.

Why isn't my child having a full day of contact with teachers?

We recognise that teachers are experienced in supporting children in their learning and we want children to have as much contact as possible with them. However, we also do not want children to be sitting in front of a screen. We have therefore chosen to focus on English and maths 'live' lessons and have other subjects taught as offline to allow for creativity and independence in learning. This offline learning may begin with a video clip to support children in their learning outcome.

Why is PE on the timetable every day?

Physical education is hugely important to children's health and well-being. At Canon Barnett all children have 2 hours of PE lessons each week. We have chosen to break this up across the week during times of self-isolation. It is very important children are moving (safely) in their homes and getting out of breath as they will not be able to do as they would normally do (e.g. running around in the playground, PE lessons, going for a walk etc). Please do encourage your child to join in with the PE sessions given and explain to them the importance of physical exercise during this time.

My child has completed all the set work. What can I do?

Great question! One of the things we would encourage your child when at school is to go back and improve their work. Children can sometimes get into a 'finish this quickly' mentality and treat earning outcomes are a race! Remind them that learning outcomes should be the best they can be. What else could they add to the outcome to improve it? Imagine their teacher standing behind them – what would they say? You could sign in to the

'open session' and get some feedback from your teacher to see if they can help you to improve.

If you feel your child, has improved their outcome and is still ready for some more learning you could look at Canon Barnett Website or use Purple Mash for some activity ideas or use The Oak Academy: <https://www.thenational.academy/> or BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> for some online lessons.