

School Improvement Service

Daily Covid Support briefing
Monday 8 February 2021

Good evening everyone

MODERATION INFORMATION SESSION- THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY, 3.30PM

You will have received an email today regarding a Q & A session about our moderation arrangements for this year. This will be held on Thursday 11 February at 3.30pm. [Click here to join the meeting](#) so that you can find out more about the remote tool, Pobble which we will be using and how this can help support effective moderation.

SUPPORT WITH DIGITAL DEVICES

Reboot North Yorkshire (<https://rebootny.co.uk/>) has been launched to support individuals and organisations to donate IT equipment that will be recycled and given to people in the county that currently lack access to these facilities. Devices will go to students, as well as other groups that may be socially isolated or do not have digital access.

Please visit the website (<https://rebootny.co.uk/>) for more information on how to clean and donate any unwanted laptops, smartphones, tablets.

If you have students who still need a device for remote learning then please email richard.benstead@northyorks.gov.uk, who will add you to a list for any devices that become available. We hope to make a significant number of additional devices available through Reboot North Yorkshire but the success of this initiative will be reliant on creating a movement involving communities and partners.

TOMORROW IS SAFER INTERNET DAY- 9 FEBRUARY

There has never been a more pertinent time than to stress the importance of online safety. Click on the link to view further resources to use this as an opportunity to raise awareness [Safer Internet Day Resources](#)

GOVERNOR REMOTE LEARNING MONITORING TOOL

NYCC School Improvement Governance team have created a useful remote learning monitoring tool. We have been pleased to hear about the amount of Governing Bodies across North Yorkshire that have been utilising this tool. Please click on the link to find it here
[https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Emergencies,%20health%20and%20safety/Phase%203/SI%20updates/NYCC%20-%20Governance%20and%20remote%20education%20-%20monitoring%20support%20tool%20-%20January%202021%20\(1\).docx](https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Emergencies,%20health%20and%20safety/Phase%203/SI%20updates/NYCC%20-%20Governance%20and%20remote%20education%20-%20monitoring%20support%20tool%20-%20January%202021%20(1).docx)

MODEL REMOTE LEARNING POLICY IS AVAILABLE

Please click on the link to view our NYCC model school policy for remote learning which your school has the option to adopt. <https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/covid-19-school-improvement>

REMOTE EDUCATION FRAMEWORK FOR SCHOOLS AND FURTHER EDUCATION PROVIDERS

The DfE have produced a framework for internally monitoring remote support. Please find the link here [Remote Monitoring Framework](#)

North Yorkshire School Improvement have produced monitoring tools for both leaders and governors, which have been circulated to your schools via your SEAs through their school improvement work with you over this term.

OFSTED

Ofsted has reassured schools that inspectors will not be joining pupils' live lessons as "the norm" during its remote monitoring inspections this term. New guidance said inspectors could join online lessons to "understand how education is being provided by the school". The announcement prompted concern from teachers who feared that the practice would heap pressure on staff delivering remote learning. However, an Ofsted spokesperson clarified that "when inspectors need to observe remote education in action, they will generally view pre-recorded material". They added that sometimes inspectors might view live lessons "because the school has requested them to, but this won't be the norm"

Ofsted has announced that all planned inspection activity will be carried out remotely until March 8 at the earliest. "Remote inspections of schools and further education providers will begin from 25 January, with a particular focus on how well children and learners are being educated remotely. We will inspect schools rated 'inadequate' or 'requires improvement' as planned, but we will also follow up on complaints raised by parents across all grades of school in order to resolve issues. As these inspections will not involve an on-site visit, they will be unable to cover the full scope of a monitoring inspection. We will publish details of the inspection process shortly. We will continue to undertake on-site inspections if we have immediate concerns – for example about safeguarding, the leadership of a school or a failure to provide education to children". See <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-inspections-to-be-done-remotely-until-half-term>

REMINDER TO COMPLETE YOUR DAILY STATUS FORM

Please ensure that the DfE daily status form is completed. Please provide your data by 2pm each working day.

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT REMOTE LEARNING

[Chief Executive's Letter: How evidence can help with learning through the latest lockdown | News](#)



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This is not the start of the year anyone wanted. With schools again closed to most pupils, teachers and senior leaders are again busier than ever keeping

[7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home.pdf \(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk\)](#)

[7 top tips to support reading at home – for Key Stage 2.pdf \(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk\)](#)

[Supporting home learning routines - Planning the day.pdf \(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk\)](#)

EDITABLE HOME LOAN AGREEMENT

<https://schoolsict.co.uk/support/news-support/digital-device-and-router-loan-agreement>