



November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware the last half term has been incredibly challenging for both us as a school and many of our families, as a number of students have had periods of self-isolation and have consequently been absent from school.

In light of the numbers of children who have been at home self-isolating we have decided to amend the way in which we deliver remote learning from this week.

If your child is at home and self-isolating due to COVID they will now be expected to do the following:

1. Follow the usual timetable for the day.
2. Log into the TEAMS channel for their lesson. This will be the case for every lesson unless there is a message on Satchel One/Show My Homework which informs them that remote learning will be delivered by another method.
3. The class teacher will admit the student into the lesson via TEAMS. Students will join the actual lesson taking place in school (It may be that a number, or all of the class are at home self-isolating. If so, the same process will be followed). Any videos, PowerPoints, websites used during the lesson with students will be shared with those at home in self-isolation through the TEAMS facility (share screen).
4. They must follow the behaviour protocols when accessing TEAMS, in particular to turn their camera off, to not use the chat function unless requested and to not unmute themselves unless specifically requested by the teacher.
5. If resources/worksheets are required for the lesson these will have been shared with the student on Satchel/Show My Homework (we appreciate not all families have access to printers so students should just try their best if this is the case).
6. In the event that a teacher is unwell and not in school, or it is not practical for a student to join a live lesson (such as DT/HE), the tasks will be set on Satchel/Show My Homework for them to complete.
7. PE lessons will not be live. There will be suggested activities for the students to complete which promote healthy lifestyles and positive mental health. This will enable them to have time away from the screen.
8. The well-being of our students is our most important priority. As we develop our remote learning provision over the coming weeks we will be developing strategies to further support our students when they are self-isolating.

We hope by enabling students to access the actual lessons from home, this reduces the impact of any self-isolation period at home on the student's learning and well-being. They will be able to ask questions directly to the teacher by using the 'hand' function on TEAMS and the teacher can question the student to check their understanding. Learning at home will therefore be more interactive and engaging for the students.

We have also attached a copy of the Online Learning Behaviour policy which students must adhere to when they are accessing lessons remotely.

Please contact the school as soon as possible if you require any support with IT facilities at home.

We thank you for your continuing support as we move through these challenging weeks ahead.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs L. Oyston  
Head of School