



7 January 2021

### Changes to remote learning from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parent

I hope that you and your family are well. I also hope that the first week of remote-learning has gone relatively smoothly. I realise that there may inevitably be some issues as students adapt to this style of learning again, particularly now that more of our lessons are being delivered live through Microsoft Teams to make the experience more engaging for students. With that in mind, and also the fact that we now know students will be out of school for longer than the 2 weeks we initially anticipated, I am writing to you to share some changes we will be making to our provision from Monday 11 January. **Please share this important information with your child.**

In order to increase motivation and also ensure that students are receiving the full breadth of the curriculum during lockdown, all students in all year groups will now have live content for all of the lessons on their normal timetable. The details will be as follows:

**Years 10 and 11:** all of their lessons will be completely **live** on Microsoft Teams

**Years 7, 8 and 9:** All of their lessons will start with a **live** input from the teacher on Microsoft Teams. Depending on the nature of the lesson, the teacher will then either remain present for the full duration or leave the students to complete a task and then “dial back in” at the end for a plenary session (all of which will be made clear to the students). Occasionally, instead of a plenary, staff may ask students to provide them with some evidence of the work they have completed such as completing an online quiz or taking a photograph of their work and emailing it to the teacher.

### Technical Issues and Laptops

If your child experiences any technical problems accessing their work, please contact the school via phone or email as we have staff who can support them with this. In addition, we also have a small consignment of laptops in school which we can loan out to any students who don't have an appropriate device to work on or are having to share that device with other family members. Experiencing live lessons through a mobile phone is also not ideal, so again, let us know if that is an issue as we may be able to provide a laptop in those circumstances. Similarly, if there are issues with either WiFi connectivity or data allowances, please make us aware as there may be something we can do there too.

### Exercise Books and Other Resources



We realise that your child will be having to do a lot of writing at home. Hopefully you have the necessary resources for this but we are able to provide exercise books for students where necessary. These can be either collected from reception or posted home, but please contact the school beforehand either way.

For practical reasons, we have asked teaching staff to deliver lessons which require little, if any, printing. As long as students are able to access the internet on an appropriate device, the fact that lessons are now being delivered live should mean that there is less of a need for work booklets etc. However, if you do need any specific resources, please let us know.

That is everything for now but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Bowhay', written in a cursive style.

**Mr S Bowhay**

Headteacher