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Dear Parents

Happy New Year! I do hope you have had a peaceful break with your family, despite the difficult circumstances. I am writing to give further details of our remote learning provision which will take effect from Monday. As we have become more accomplished and learnt lessons from previous periods of remote learning, there are a few changes to our online provision this term.

Whilst your child is accessing lessons remotely, their wellbeing remains our utmost priority. From Tuesday 5 January, we would like the children to register, via Microsoft Teams, between 8.40 and 9am every day with their Form Tutor. This will allow them to 'touch base' with their tutor and also with their form group remotely. It will also provide your child with a structured start to the day and ensure that they are ready to follow their school timetable and online lessons from 9am. Attendance at registration is compulsory and Form Tutors will email their tutees a link to attend their daily registration.

We have decided to streamline the timetable for Key Stage 3. Pupils should aim to follow this timetable until the period of remote learning has ended. Pupils will study 3 subjects per day with each lesson lasting for approximately 1hr 45 minutes. In Years 7 & 8 pupils will have the choice of completing work for Computer Science, Music, Art or DT as these subjects are timetabled at the same time. In Year 9 pupils have a choice of completing work for Art or DT and then Computer Science or Music, as these subjects are timetabled together. Pupils should, therefore, plan to take their breaks at 10:55-11:10 and 1:00-2:00 and I have also allowed for short breaks in between lessons to allow time for pupils to move away from the screen temporarily. We hope having fewer subjects each day will simplify the process for the children and make it easier for parents to monitor progress

Years 10 and 11 will follow their normal timetable, with the exception of PHSE, and, from Tuesday morning, they will also attend a pastoral meeting with their tutor every morning.

Please try and ensure the pupils are online at the required time and complete work to the best of their ability. Their teachers will be online during the timetabled sessions and the children should ask for as much help as they need.

Staff will try and ensure a variety of tasks are set. There may be videoed introductions, interactive elements to the lesson and written tasks set. Through this, we hope to add variety to maintain the interest of the pupils and to ensure the pupils can step away from their screens at times. Teachers will specify how pupils should submit their work and how feedback will be given.

It would be helpful for the children to establish a dedicated work space at home with no distractions (phones away, music off) and have cameras and microphones on when taking part

in a live lesson. For safeguarding reasons, please ensure the children are not broadcasting to members of staff from their bedrooms.

All new pupils should now be familiar with Teams. However, support is available from teaching staff should your child encounter any issues.

Games/PE lessons will continue during this period of remote learning. These lessons will involve pupils choosing 1 or 2 activities during each session. This will take the following format:

1. To complete an indoor exercise programme
2. To complete an outdoor exercise session working on agility/coordination skills with ball/wall drills.
3. Endurance work around their local area (with permission from parents): a walk, run or bike ride.

Specific resources and videos will be sent separately via Teams. Additionally, pupils will also be asked to send in their km/mile daily count as part of a House competition.

In addition, Dr Ashcroft will be running 'Teams Talk', a 30 minute drop-in session over Teams for each year group. This will take place in a segment of their Games lesson. This session is not compulsory but it will allow any pupil who is feeling worried or anxious or who has an academic or pastoral concern, to have a chat with Dr Ashcroft. She will send out a link to each year group to invite them to attend. The time slots are below:

Year 7	Wednesdays	3-3.30pm
Year 8	Wednesdays	3.30-4pm
Year 9	Thursdays	3-3.30pm
Year 10	Thursdays	3.30-4pm
Year 11	Tuesdays	12.30-1pm

Dr Ashcroft will also be setting all pupils a daily Mindfulness Challenge via Teams to complement their academic learning. This is not a compulsory activity but all pupils are encouraged to participate.

If you or your child need to speak to a member of staff outside of these slots, you are always welcome to either call School or email your child's Form Tutor, Year Group Leader or Dr Ashcroft.

Whilst we appreciate that minor disruptions to your child's ability to follow the timetable may occur, we believe a structured approach to remote learning will be beneficial for our pupils.

Please do get in touch if you or your child encounter any difficulties or have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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