



Longdendale

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Dear families,

COVID-19 Update

I am just getting in touch to update you on the challenges the school is facing during these unprecedented times. As a school we are currently experiencing a significant staffing capacity situation as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

We are reviewing our curriculum provision against our staffing capacity constantly. It will always be our very last resort to have any learners learning remotely and we fully understand that this causes an impact on home when the learners are not all here in school with us. However, we must ensure that we can operate in a safe manner and, at the current staffing levels, we have no option than to have some learners learning at home.

When asking learners to work from home we are spreading the impact across the year groups as fairly as possible and we will always give you as much notice as we are able to about a year group needing to learn remotely.

Learners learning remotely will always have a virtual tutor session at 8:30 delivered via Teams Live events and then the lessons for the day will either be Teams Live Event lessons, or work set on Teams Assignments from teachers. Attendance of learners to the virtual tutor session is monitored and you will get a message from school if your child has not attended the session.

It may seem that the lessons for the day do not match your child's individual school timetable, this is because since September we have had a contingency timetable in place for remote learning, where all learners in a year group follow the same timetable. The letter from school that informs you of the need for a year group to learn remotely, it will also have the details of the subjects your child will be studying for that day. I do also email the learners just so that they have the information for reference and they can email me with any issues. It will not always be possible to tell the learners in school that they will not be in the subsequent day and explain the plan to them face to face.

It is really important that learners have access to a device with Microsoft Teams at home (phone/tablet/computer) and that they check their school emails and Teams Assignments regularly. If you have any questions or queries about home learning please do not hesitate to get in touch, you can use homelearning@lhs.aspireplus.org.uk to contact us.

Kind regards,

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