

October 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you and your family are well. I just wanted to get in touch with an update for you on our planning for remote learning provision for the 2020-21 academic year (although we are hoping the need for this will be very limited).

If your child is unable to attend school due to a personal COVID- related issue, following a conversation with our attendance team, you will be given an access code to our remote learning work packs which are available on our website. These are updated every two weeks (a new pack is produced each blue week) and fully match the curriculum delivery for your child's year group in school. Your child can then either bring their completed work back into school with them when they return for feedback or we can provide a stamped addressed envelope for the work to be returned in.

If we have a group (class or classes) of learners unable to attend school due to COVID self-isolation, learners will be educated with live lessons via Teams Live Events. Learners can use a phone, tablet or computer to access Microsoft Teams. They will be able to see the lesson presentation and hear the teacher, the teacher will not be able to hear or see learners. In this circumstance learners will complete the learning in real time with the teacher. All live lessons will record, so learners can access the lesson at a different time if there was an issue with the internet signal at home whilst the live lesson was happening. If the lesson is a double lesson, learners will have 1 hour of live lesson delivery and then 1 hour of work set to complete.

There may be some subjects where the delivery is set work to complete rather than a live lesson. If this situation was to happen I would write to you and your child to update you on the subjects your child will be studying each day and which subjects will be delivered via a live lesson and which will be delivered through set work.

As part of our evaluation and review of how home learning is set in school, we have decided to streamline this so that, in the event of a learner needing to work from home, they can access the classwork to complete and any home learning from one platform. Therefore, from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, home learning will be set via Teams Assignments.

As well as being set the home learning in lessons, learners will also be able to access it via the Microsoft Teams app on any electronic device or tablet. Learners can then choose to complete the work within the app and submit it directly back to the teacher. A guide for learners to support them with accessing and completing their home learning is available on the school's website.

As a further update on our mechanisms in place to minimize the indirect transmission of virus from learner to learner through any use of resources in lessons, we have decided to provide all learners with a stationary pack that includes a red pen, a green pen, a highlighter, a whiteboard marker and a whiteboard eraser. It is very important that learners look after the resources they are given and that they bring these resources to school with them each day.

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As always, you can keep up to date with news and events from school using our twitter feed (@AspirePlusTrust). If you have any questions or queries regarding home learning please contact me using [homelearning@hs.aspireplus.trust.org.uk](mailto:homelearning@hs.aspireplus.trust.org.uk). I hope you and your families stay safe and well and if I can be of any further help please do not hesitate to get in touch,

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SA', written in a cursive style.

**Miss Ayre**  
**Deputy Headteacher**