

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you and your family are well during these uncertain times. I just wanted to get in touch to update you on the plan for remote learning for this half term. We remain fully focused on our learners and trying to ensure they are provided with the best provision possible.

Learners will continue to receive their remote education via Microsoft Teams, as we have previously used. Learners will have a Teams Tutor session each morning at 8:30. The attendance to this session will be monitored and you will receive a message from school if your child does not access the tutor session, just as you would if your child did not attend school in the morning.

Your child will then follow a timetable of Teams live lessons throughout the day. There may be some times where work is set on Teams Assignments rather than being delivered as a live lesson. Your child will be required to submit some work to their class teachers as part of the live lessons, and this engagement will be closely monitored by class teachers. This work may need to be uploaded via Teams Assignments, or may be completed through Microsoft Forms or a subject specific online learning platform. You will receive a report on your child's engagement levels with remote learning in each blue week. If teachers have particular concerns regarding live lessons being accessed or completion of work, you will receive a phone call from school.

Your child's timetable will remain the same as their usual school timetable. To allow our teachers to plan and deliver their full timetable remotely, learners who are eligible to attend school will be based in ICT rooms with support staff to support them following the Teams live lessons, just as the learners at home will be.

Whilst most lessons will be delivered as Teams live lessons, there may be times where teachers decide to deliver the lesson to the class as a Teams meeting. In this situation, learners will not be able to see each other as their cameras are automatically disabled, but learners will be able to talk to each other and the teacher. Our lessons may have varied structures, just as they would in school, but all lessons will have a clear introduction at the start from the teacher and a review with the teacher at the end of the lesson. There may be sections of lessons where learners are given a task to independently complete for a period of time, but the teacher will still be there remotely to support with any questions or problems during this time period. Due to the COVID-19 situation, there may be times where we experience staff absence and in these situations several classes maybe taught by one teacher, or work may be set on Teams Assignments for learners.

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.

With the announcements made this week regarding changes to GCSE assessments and exams, these are very worrying times for both parents and learners. Currently there is no further information for schools beyond the confirmations already shared from the government that summer exams will not be going ahead and some form of teacher assessment will be used to award grades. We will keep you updated as soon as we have any further clarity. The priority now, as always, is to deliver the curriculum and support our learners.

If you have any questions, queries, or suggestions 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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