



## Update Wednesday 13th January 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am pleased to be able to tell you that as of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January we will be moving to 'live' remote learning in line with the vast majority of schools across the country. The lessons will be taught by our own specialist staff and will be of the usual high quality.

In order to access the live lessons students will need to log on to our remote learning platform, Teams, with their username and password. Detailed instructions as to how to access their lessons will be available on the website under the Home Learning tab in a document entitled, 'How to access live lessons'.

If your child is accessing these live lessons please can I ask you to run through the following guidelines with them.

- Communicate politely and follow the teacher's instructions during the lesson.
- Do not copy and send images from the online lesson to anyone.
- Keep your camera switched off at all times.
- Complete all the work that is set and store it in a safe place.

Can I emphasize that on-site teaching and learning will continue as normal for all those students who are currently attending the main school site.

Given the extended invitations to students to attend the main site for their learning and the handing out of laptops over the last week we are now of the belief that all students, with the exception of just one or two, will be accessing live learning and as such work packs are to be largely discontinued. As staff we firmly believe that the best approach to learning is through live teaching be it at home or in school where specialist teachers can explain, model, assess and feedback to your child



accordingly, in line with normal classroom practice.

It is expected that all students will engage positively with their learning, non-attendance of lessons is not an option and will be followed up by our attendance team

I would also like to remind you of the mobile phone offer that I wrote to you about earlier in the week, the end date for responses being this Friday. Furthermore, I am pleased to be able to inform you that we are in the process of securing private tutors via the National Tutoring Programme for our year 11s in an attempt to help them secure excellent outcomes on all subject related assessments, given teacher assessed grades are now replacing GCSE exams. Subsequently a member of staff will be contacting all year 11 parents/carers later in the week to see if their child would be interested in engaging with this private tutoring programme.

Many thanks for taking time out to read this letter and we'll be in touch soon with any further updates and news.

Kind regards,

**Sandra McKenna**  
**Acting Head Teacher**