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Dear parent/carer

Now that schools are in their second lockdown, students should be familiar with using Google Classroom to access their learning from home. Some staff are now attempting to carry out live Google Meet lessons so that students can have some face-to-face contact with their teachers.

We thought it might be helpful to provide parents and students with some guidance on how to access these lessons, and also to remind students of our expectations of them when they are taking part in them.

With this in mind, please find attached two key documents:

- Live Google Classroom Student Code of Conduct
- Google Classroom guide - this provides students and parents with information on how to access a live Google Meet lesson.

It is important to note that whilst many staff are able to carry out some live Google Meet lessons, they will not necessarily be available for all students in all subject areas. For example, many of our teaching staff are trying to balance looking after and home schooling their own young children, alongside setting work for their students in the federation and carrying out their other professional responsibilities. These circumstances can make it very challenging to offer live lessons during the school day. In addition, many staff in the federation teach numerous classes across different year groups and in a variety of subjects and therefore have to prioritise which classes will benefit most from any live lessons that they are able to deliver.

Please be assured that high quality work will continue to be set by teaching staff, via Google Classroom to ensure that your child can make the best progress possible in these challenging times. This will include pre-recorded material, material from national organisations and written tasks. You may be interested in the Ofsted research that was released this week that said a mixture of learning was better than a focus on any one style of online learning. The link to that research is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/whats-working-well-in-remote-education>

If you have any questions or queries regarding the information contained in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the reception team at your child's school, and they will pass this on to the appropriate member of staff.

Yours sincerely

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