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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 7

I feel it would be helpful to the children to understand the expectations regarding completing work at home during self-isolation. Obviously, there is no comparison to face-face-learning in the classroom with at home learning from the provided resources. However, we have learned from our previous experiences that many children have not only completed the work set but have gone on to develop their understanding of these topics through independent research. In addition, the emphasis on developing reading skills cannot be underestimated and we would ask that you encourage your children to read and discuss their material with you.

During their time at home, we will expect them to complete the work set by their teachers which is available on the home learning section of the website. This can be completed at any time of day as we fully understand that parents too are having to work from home and the demand for computer access may be challenging. There is no expectation that the children should be following their daily timetable. However, once any piece of work is completed, it can be sent in to school for feedback via their subject teacher's email addresses provided on our website.

To assist children with this work further, teachers will be emailing parents this week to invite them to join in with virtual lessons via Microsoft Teams. At this time, the children will be able to meet with their teacher and engage with the work that has been set on our website and be able to ask any questions they may have about this.

We recognise there are many of our families do not have access to IT which will allow them to attend these sessions despite government promises of schools being allocated laptops for some homes. For such families, printed packs are available on request. Please contact the school.

Thank you for your patience as we have set this in place. Do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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