



Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support regarding online and remote learning during this continued period of lockdown. As you are no doubt aware, the government has announced this week that schools will remain closed until further notice, with the earliest possible re-opening for some year groups being given as 8th March. This date is subject to change and we wait eagerly for an update as we get closer to the time.

While we continue to deliver learning online I wanted to remind you of a number of ways we can support you:

Access to technology

If you do not have a suitable device to use for online learning please contact your child's Learning Manager. They will look to **loan a school chromebook**.

If you are experiencing problems in terms of connectivity there are a number of options:

- Apply for free data from your mobile phone provider for the purpose of online learning during lockdown. Please fill in the form [here](#). We understand that if you are successful the DfE/mobile phone provider will contact you directly. You can only apply for this if:
 - you do not have fixed broadband at home
 - you cannot afford additional data for your devices
 - your child is experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education.
- We can provide a USB mobile device for connection to the internet
- Alternatively we may be able to support your child coming into school to learn.

If either of these situations apply, please contact your child's Learning Manager in the first instance.

Motivation and Encouragement

In assemblies this week we are promoting our **student reward schemes** to encourage students to complete their online learning (Tassomai, Bedrock and Hegarty) as well as completing all the classwork and attending all lessons.

Also, as parents, we have a 'thank you' for you - we want to let you know how much we appreciate all you are doing to support your children with their home learning - I know from personal experience how hard that is to keep them engaged when there are so many distractions at home!

See poster and video launch [here](#).

Daily register

Each day students are expected to attend morning registration and reading at 8.40am. It is really important that students have their camera and mics on so that we see and hear students - this is an important part of our daily welfare contact. Please can you encourage your child to do so otherwise tutors will have to make phone calls home each day. If you have any concerns regarding this, please speak with the tutor about this.

Onsite provision - A few reminders

- Key workers are listed in the DfE guidance and we will need to ensure that we have sufficient spaces for vulnerable students and those that meet the criteria for Keyworkers. If our numbers increase onsite we will need to be strict on prioritising vulnerable students. Keyworkers - please only request the provision on the days that you are working.
- There will be no onsite provision at half term and the site will be closed.
- Due to changes in the guidelines we will no longer be Lateral Flow Testing children in school during lockdown.

Next week is the final week before half term. Tutors will be making phone calls home next week to check how things are going, and we will also be sending out a survey regarding our online teaching and learning where your feedback will be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully



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Principal