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### **Remote Learning – Years 7, 8 and 9**

Dear Parents

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well. I am delighted to share with you an update regarding our remote learning programme.

Following the first phase of remote learning involving Years 10 and 11, from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**, students in **Years 7, 8 and 9** who are absent from school for any COVID related reason (for example they are self isolating) will also be able to attend live lessons and access class resources and homework through Microsoft Teams. This will mean that they do not miss out on learning and can follow the exact lessons and content that they would normally follow in school.

Microsoft Teams can be accessed by any student through a desktop, laptop or other electronic devices and I am delighted that every student in school now has access to a device from home. Students have had guidance from teaching staff on how to log on to Teams and join lessons from home.

We are pleased to share with you our user guide on remote learning so you are able to support from home. This guide will provide you with all of the information you need, including step by step guides on how to use the software safely and correctly. Your son/daughter will be issued with a copy of the user guide to bring home today and it will also be available on the remote learning page on our school website along with other useful information.

I am very proud of the staff here at BPS, who have been working tirelessly to prepare for remote teaching. We are all committed to doing everything possible to support our students, both in school and those who have to stay at home due to COVID. However, please be mindful that remote teaching is new to us all; we may well experience teething problems and possible technical issues in the first few weeks, so I would ask for your patience and understanding during this time.

Finally, during this period of national restrictions, staffing in schools is stretched more than ever. Thank you for your support as we do the very best we can to support our students and families.

Please contact your child's year leader if you have any questions related to remote learning or require any further assistance.

With Best Wishes.

**Helen Johnson**  
Headteacher