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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the October holiday, I thought I would take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations for home testing, reporting of results and our plan to enable students to access remote education, should there be a requirement for them to self-isolate now that all year groups have returned to school. Thank you for your continued support in adhering to government guidance and our procedures to enable us to operate our school site safely.

Twice weekly COVID-19 testing at home for students

- Please ensure your child continues to test twice a week on a Thursday and Sunday evening. Remember to report the result on the day the test is taken
- All results must be reported to the school using this link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSegcxykeCcFaSpph31trW_dwrGTAiM6Uz9pDuHwxa2sG13WKQ/viewform
- If you report a positive case you will be directed to a second form that asks you to provide more detail

We continue to encourage all members of our school community to undertake regular Covid-19 testing. This does not replace testing for those with symptoms. If you have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

Remote Learning Plan

We are continuing to implement a Remote Learning Plan in line with guidance from the Department for Education to ensure we can best support learners in the event of three different scenarios:

- **Scenario 1** Self-isolating Individual students
- **Scenario 2** Shielding students
- **Scenario 3** School site closure

The most common scenario we are likely to contend with is scenario 1, where individual students are required to self-isolate in line with national guidelines.

Scenario 1:

Students in Years 7-11 will access work by following the link to the SBL Student Site: <https://students.sbllearning.org.uk/> A screenshot is included below:



Years 7-9

- In **Years 7-9**, Curriculum Teams have uploaded high quality lessons aligned with the curriculum the students are studying in school to our Student Site.
- As the maximum number of days a student should be asked to self-isolate is 10 days, curriculum teams have put together a sequence of lessons to cover the number of lessons a student could miss in their subject over a two week cycle.
- The lessons are numbered Lesson 1, Lesson 2 etc. and the students can access these lessons through the SBL Student Site *whenever* they self-isolate during the term, completing lessons across their subjects when they are timetabled. For example, they would complete Lesson 1 for English on the first day they are timetabled for English during self-isolation and Lesson 2 the next time they are timetabled for English and so on.

Years 10 and 11

- In **Years 10 and 11** – Class teachers will upload lessons to our Student Site whenever they are self-isolating in the term.
- Work will be made available by class teachers the day after we have been advised they are self-isolating following a positive PCR test result
- If a student has a positive LFT result, they will be required to take a PCR test. Whilst they are awaiting the result of the PCR test they should follow their timetable and access high quality lessons available from Oak National Academy: <https://www.thenational.academy/> or other online resources their teachers have advised them to use for their subject.

Post-16

- Year 12 students will access remote learning if they are self-isolating through their individual subject MS Team
- Year 13 students will access remote learning using the platform they are most familiar with as advised by their individual subject teachers. This is most likely to be Google Classroom, as this is how most students accessed remote learning whilst working remotely in Year 12 and we are keen to offer continuity of provision
- If there is a closure of an entire post-16 class, the group will also have live MS Teams lessons as timetabled by school leaders across Futura Sixth

Scenario 2:

- Students who are shielding in Years 7-11 will have lessons, projects and coursework tasks (as appropriate) uploaded to Insight by their individual teachers as this will enable the teacher to ensure they can provide personalised instruction for students shielding for an extended period of time
- If individual students are shielding or self-isolating for an extended period of time, we will provide some additional recorded lessons and 'live' lessons through MS Teams
- Post-16 - Students will be sent online learning by their subject teacher in the subject MS Team or the Google Classroom and will have live MS Teams tutorials as timetabled by Futura Sixth school leaders
- Students in Years 7-13 will return completed work to their teachers by email or through other online platforms agreed with individual staff such as MS Teams or Google Classroom in order to receive feedback

Scenario 3:

In the unlikely event of school closure, we will reinstate our Remote Learning plan from lockdown. Students will have an opportunity to engage in a combination of live, narrated and independent lessons each equating to approximately 1/3 of their curriculum time across all subjects. We are adopting this model as we have reflected on evidence collated by the Education Endowment Foundation that examines the existing research for approaches and best practice to support the learning of students whilst working remotely.

- Live lessons will be conducted using the Microsoft Teams platform. Help on using teams is available at: <https://students.sbllearning.org.uk/teams>
- We will publish a live lesson timetable for your child. This needs to be used in conjunction with your child's regular timetable
- Students will continue to access the presentation slides for all lessons by following the link to our Remote Learning Google Platform located on the SBL Student Site: <https://students.sbllearning.org.uk/>
- Class teachers will continue to upload lessons for all other periods that haven't been timetabled as live to our SBL Student Site
- Students will continue to complete and submit a Learning Check for each subject during each two week cycle, enabling them to receive feedback from their teacher for the work they have completed remotely in order to support them to make progress across their subjects

If you are in receipt of the Pupil Premium, and you require any additional support to enable your child to engage in remote education, please do not hesitate to contact your child's House team and they will be able to help you or signpost you to the most appropriate member of staff to support you.

Finally, we have previously conducted an audit to confirm all students can access online learning at home, however, if there is any reason your child is unable to do so, please contact our Parent/Carer IT Helpdesk. Similarly, if you experience any difficulties accessing your son/daughter's remote learning, please use the link below to give us specific details of the issue. You should also use the link to let us know if you are using mobile devices to access remote learning and you think you are likely to run out of data:

Parent/carers IT helpdesk: <https://students.sbllearning.org.uk/helpdesk>

If you are unable to do this, please call the school directly on 0117 456 5900. We will do whatever we can to promptly resolve any issues that arise.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any aspect of remote learning in more detail.

Yours faithfully

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