

## **FAQs re our remote learning provision during lockdown**

### **1. How do I know what my child needs to do each day?**

Each week, every subject will upload that week's work to Teams, to be completed in their lesson slot, and announcements will keep students aware of what they need to do or submit that week. You can keep tabs on what your child is expected to do each week via our summary Weekly Outlines for parents, which are posted on our website the weekend before.

### **2. How long should they spend on the learning each day?**

We ask all students, whether accessing the work in school or at home, to follow their school timetable each day. They need to be up, fed, dressed and ready to access their online learning by 9am Monday to Friday, and we expect them to stick to their usual timetables slots for each subject so that any live interaction can be arranged by subject staff in that time and to work for a minimum of 4 hours a day, although it is important to stress that this can only ever be an average: some students complete work quickly, others take longer. It is also vital for their physical and mental health that students get some daily exercise and time away from electronic devices.

### **3. What will the learning look like?**

There will be a 'mixed bag' of remote learning experiences to maintain interest and variety and ensure the different learning preferences of pupils are met. Each subject will upload their work to our 'Teams' learning platform each week. This will include SOME 'live' lessons, delivered by a teacher 'live', but some of these will be pre recorded lessons or audio PowerPoints. There will also be more traditional tasks and worksheets to do away from the screen. The last thing we want is pupils sitting in front of a computer for 5 hours without a break!

### **4. Why is school not offering back to back live lessons?**

As well as offering a remote learning experience, our staff are also working in school, supervising the children of our key workers and vulnerable pupils, who remain on our site. School is not closed, so staff are not available to offer such back to back provision, nor do we consider it beneficial to pupil progress. Research tells us that quality of the resource is far more important than a live lesson, and pupil feedback tells us that they don't want this either!

### **5. How will feedback be given remotely?**

Each subject will make sure there is feedback in some form on a weekly basis to ensure engagement and progression: this may take the form of an interactive quiz, marked automatically, a GCSE Pod assignment, whole class feedback, face to face interaction or a self assessment markscheme. All subjects will also stick to their departmental marking policies re the setting and marking of extended writing / tasks, which will be marked with the same regularity as in school.

### **6. What happens if my child misses a live lesson or doesn't access the work?**

We will be tracking pupil engagement and expect pupils to be available to attend any live lessons or check ins, as well as being seen to access their work each day. We will be using the Teams 'Insights' app as well as our own internal systems to monitor this, and your child's subject teacher, form tutor

or HoY will be in touch if there is a 'no show' for a 'live' lesson, check in, or no evidence of engagement with the work set.

**7. Who do I contact with any queries / issues?**

If your child is unsure about something in a particular subject, they should use the Teams chat initially to ask their teacher about it, who will get back to them as soon as they are free to do so. For more general issues, please contact your child's form tutor / learning coach or HoY.