



6th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

After our second day of remote learning I wanted to firstly thank you and your son/daughter for such rapid and positive engagement in their work. We fully understand the difficulties of learning from home and ensuring students remain focused and motivated throughout each day. I would also like to give a few reminders and clarifications to support you in providing structure and routine in the weeks ahead.

Along with this letter I attach the 'Parent and Carer Guide to Remote Learning' and the 'Guide to Logging on to Satchel One' for your reference. Also, please refer to the 'Covid Response' section of our website where there are various guides and documents that you can use if needed.

As you will see in the remote learning document, your son/daughter should follow their normal school timetable on Satchel One. Their teacher will upload their lesson before 9.00am each morning. The lesson itself may be a video with work attached, links to other platforms, quizzes, worksheets, PowerPoints or live lessons. We learned a great deal in the first lockdown and we know that students respond best when there is a range of task/format provided.

As Mrs Wilson stated in her letter last term, the government have stated that students should complete at least four hours of home learning per day. As we have five hours of lessons per day, this should be achievable. The exceptions to this are Learning 4 Life (key stage three) and ethics and philosophy (key stage four) where no tasks will be set for the first two weeks. Also, for core PE, the lessons will be based around getting 'out and about' to maintain fitness and health rather than 60 minutes of learning!

It is not our expectation for students to be working beyond the 60 minute lesson time frame. If your son/daughter has not completed a piece of work within this time frame, please encourage them to stop and send whatever work they have completed to their teacher through Satchel One or by email.

The most important thing is that students maintain their health, both physical and mental. With this in mind, please try not to let school work become a source of stress in your home. If they cannot do a particular task, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant member of staff for guidance. This can be done through Satchel One or via email. Teacher email addresses can be found on the 'Covid Response' section of the school website.

Finally, please bear with us! Our staff are working exceptionally hard to facilitate the continuation of learning remotely. If you encounter problems, please contact your son/daughter's tutor or teacher as necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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