



Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to write to you with an update on our Remote Learning Lessons that have been planned for your child during this lockdown period and to give you some information on how these will develop over the next few weeks. Your continued support with helping your child learn in this way is valued.

Our guiding principles centre around ensuring we do our best in these difficult times to leave 'no one behind' and to continue to cover the curriculum sequence, avoiding any future gaps or disadvantage when we return to school. When we return to school, we will work with your child to establish where learning gaps remain and then 'push on' with a return to face-to-face lessons. Each week all teachers will upload lessons to your son/daughter's Google classroom. These will largely be in PowerPoint format with clear instructions for your child to follow. Some PowerPoints include video instruction by teachers. You will also see that the PE Department are encouraging your child to be active with their lessons they have planned.

Your teachers will check to see if your child has completed the learning tasks each day and will provide feedback via a grade 1-4 system. Teachers will then enter reward points on to class charts as normal and will nominate a Remote Student of the Lesson.

**Once a week your child will be asked to complete a Microsoft Remote Learning Evaluation Form. This form will allow us to check in with students remotely. The form will be available for them to view every Monday morning. A new form will need to be completed by students every week. You will receive some texts intermittently throughout the week as reminders for students to complete this.**

The quality of remote learning is exceptionally important to us. Directors of Faculty are required to Quality Assure all lessons each week. All lessons follow our current curriculum model.

Over the next few weeks, you will see Remote Learning developments taking place that include:

- A range of lesson formats including voice recording and a trial of video instruction by teachers to support learning.



- More practical activities in Art, Design, Music and Performing Arts.
- Digital Theatre performances to watch in Performing Arts.
- We will be adding '**Remote Learning EXTRA**' to your child's classroom – learning activities that are interactive and fun that can be completed at any time and that further develop your child's learning.
- We will be developing an online audio reading programme for your child to access.

Staff are working exceptionally hard to plan and upload lessons that have a firm educational basis and then to provide feedback to pupils. As you can imagine this is not always easy and we appreciate when your child is at home working in this different way there may be teething problems or indeed questions. Please do contact the school if you have any questions at all, or if we can help you in any way.

Rest assured that we are doing everything we can to support you and your child during these exceptional times. Stay safe.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Fiona Aris  
Senior Vice Principal