



A remote learning update at Ellis Guilford School

Dear Parent/Carer/Pupil

As you all will know, Ellis Guilford School has been setting remote lessons for our pupils, and we have been asking teachers to incorporate video links to ensure a varied and more engaging content. We have been supporting our usual lesson delivery with content mainly from the Oak National Academy; the academy nationally recommended by the Department for Education during these lock down periods.

I am pleased to say that pupils' engagement with Remote Learning has improved week by week and most of our pupils are successfully engaging in learning remotely.

As a school, we have not been streaming live lessons so far. This has been due to the potential of safeguarding concerns when delivering live lessons using the google platform.

Over recent weeks, however, we have been working hard to change that, so that lessons can be delivered live using Microsoft Teams, a platform which is widely used by many schools to deliver this type of lesson. Internet safety and security will always be our number one priority and moving over to a new platform will provide added security. Initially, Microsoft Teams will run alongside the Google Classroom platform.

We will now begin to launch the use of Microsoft Teams and live lessons, beginning with Year 10 after the half term break. Once established with this year group, we will begin to follow suit with another year group, of which, further information will follow.

Engagement of pupils with remote learning

Based on feedback from our school community, teachers are entering various information on Class Charts for parents to be able to see their child's engagement with online learning.

You will be able to see when a pupil is awarded effort points for engagement with remote learning and additionally, where remote learning has not been submitted. We are aware that when work is not submitted, this can be for a variety of reasons but feel it is important that as parents, you are able to see this information. As a school, we are monitoring this and identifying pupils who may need further support to complete online learning. This support may take the form of a phone call to parents or Gmail contact with pupils.

As always, we continue to work with your child's best interest at heart. If you would like to get in touch to discuss anything, please do so by contacting enquiries@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk

Kindest regards

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