



Dear parent/carer,

Happy New Year and all the best for 2021.

As you are aware, although the school is open to the young people of key workers and vulnerable young people, the expectation is that the majority of young people undertake schoolwork at home.

This arrangement will continue until 29 January and I will keep you informed of any changes.

### Health and wellbeing

It is very important that, before we start again with remote learning, time is created for teachers and our young people to reconnect and re-establish relationships online.

From Monday 11 January, your child's teachers will be contacting them via Microsoft Teams, to welcome them back after the holidays, check in with them to make sure they have everything they need to learn at home. This check-in will also give teachers the opportunity to explain to your child how their lessons and classwork are going to operate over the coming weeks. Teachers will be able to answer any queries about remote learning and ensure that pupils are able to access Teams.

The school is in the process of surveying parents once again, to establish if there are still any young people who do not have access to IT at home. If you have not already responded to the ICT Access survey, please do so as soon as possible. If you have not received the link to the survey, please contact the school office.

The school will endeavour to provide those in need with a laptop. Hard copy work will be delivered to young people for whom working on a laptop is not appropriate.

### Pupils affected by Covid 19

We would like to be in the position to check in with and support young people and families who have been affected by Covid19. If your child has been or is affected, please contact your child's Guidance Teacher to inform them.

### The structure of the remote learning school day

Feedback from parents and carers and pupils after the lockdown last March to June, was that they would have preferred to have had more structure to their school day, with pupils being available to connect with their teachers and do schoolwork at their usual timetabled times in the week. Some parents felt that more structure would support them in their endeavours to get their teenagers out of bed in the morning and starting their schoolwork.

On the back of this feedback, I would ask pupils, as far as possible, to be available at their weekly timetabled times, for their teachers to be in contact with them online. This will enable teachers to deliver online lessons, answer questions and deliver feedback and set classwork, mainly during their usual periods on the school timetable.

Individual teachers will, of course, build in some flexibility, to ensure that our young people are not sat at their laptops all day. They will build into the week, times for young people to undertake offline, independent work or even to take a complete break from the work.

Your child's teachers will share directly with them, details of exactly when in the week they will be expected to work independently and when their teacher expects them to be on Teams and tuning into a lesson.

Throughout this period of remote learning, the school will be seeking feedback via survey, from both teachers and the young people and parents and carers, regarding what is and is not working well, with a view to making improvements as we go along.

If you have trouble understanding English please contact the address below

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Jeżeli masz trudności w zrozumieniu języka angielskiego, skontaktuj się na poniżej podany adres:

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If you have any queries about any of the above or any other matter regarding your child's learning or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Guidance Teacher or ask to speak directly with me.

We are here to help.

Please take care and stay safe.

Ms L Elder  
Head Teacher