



6th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

With the country moving into another National Lockdown and schools moving to remote learning for this half term, I recognise that this may place additional strain on families. Again, we find ourselves in this strange position of the school building being too quiet for a school without the children here. I want to reassure you that we will be supporting you from a distance over the coming weeks.

Coaches will be in regular contact with students/parents to check in. They can work in partnership with you to challenge and support students with engaging in their online learning and to provide any other support you may need, even if it is just a chat.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, we will be delivering hampers this week and we will be in contact in the coming days regarding future deliveries. If your family's financial circumstances have changed recently and you think you may be entitled to FSM then please contact your child's Coach or Year Manager and we can discuss this with you.

### **Remote learning provision for students**

Although we did not want to find ourselves in this position again and would rather be teaching children face to face in school, we are confident that we have good provision that will ensure your child can make progress and can learn successfully and independently.

Last term, we worked with the children to ensure that they were confident in using Moodle, our online platform. However, if they have any issues, please encourage them to email their coaches who will help them to find a solution.

Here is a summary of the provision we will offer:

- From Monday 11th January, students will have four learning sessions a day on Moodle. There will be a timetable on the Moodle for each year group to show which four subject's students should undertake each day. These correspond to the work set on Moodle. There are four learning sessions a day to allow time for students to complete the independent work that is attached to these sessions.
- Schemes of work will cover new content
- Schemes of work will be delivered by staff in recorded lessons, allowing students to watch at their own pace and be taught by our teachers.
- Online quizzes will be set to allow students to see how well they have understood the lessons, and allow them to have another go if they are not pleased with their score.

- Children will be shown how to complete the tasks set by their teachers and will be expected to complete these and upload them to Moodle.
- Staff will give personalised feedback on Moodle, which automatically sends an email to the student alerting them to this feedback. Sometimes this feedback will include a grade or score.
- Staff will also deliver a lesson to feedback on the class learning and using good examples to close any gaps in the learning.
- The five weeks of learning will resemble a scheme of work at school and will include the usual assessments.
- Coaches will contact parents weekly to report back on the student's rate of learning and progress.
- As a school, we will praise and celebrate those students who are regularly completing all of their remote learning and showcase particularly good examples of independent work to celebrate the students' achievements.

I know this is going to be a challenging time for families and our school community. Thank you for your on going to support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Jefferson', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

Samantha Jefferson  
Headteacher