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**RE: In-School and On-Line Learning**

Dear Parent/Carer

I realise that the start of this year has brought a lot of changes not just to Education, but also to the wider community. In an attempt to minimise the amount of communication you are receiving, I have placed this week's changes together in a summary. Please note that if there are any changes to the below, we will communicate this.

**Children of critical workers and vulnerable students**

As of Monday 11th January 2021 there will be **two** classes in school for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children. Students in these classes will continue to access the online learning set by their teachers.

Class 1 - Year 7 & 8 pupils

Students will enter through the 'Year 8' door, at the front of the school, opposite the bike lockers. Students will be based in A27.

Class 2 - Year 9, 10 & 11

Students will enter through the 'Year 9' door, at the front of the school, near Reception. Students will be based in A32.

**Online Learning**

Below sets out our Remote Online Learning Provision (there is also further information on the school website entitled *Remote Education Provision Jan 2021* including: Our provision for those who do not have online access; feedback and marking; and actions linked to non-engagement).

To summarise, the main changes from Monday 11th January are that we will be working towards the following:

- Mentor time will be a live online meet for all year groups. This means students need to be online at 8.20 a.m. and look at their school email for their invite.
- For the first 30 minutes of every timetabled lesson the teacher will be live in a google meet to: Explain the learning set; answer questions, or support students who are stuck with the work. Students will be emailed an invite to the meet via their school email.
- For the remainder of the lesson (30 minutes), students will be then expected to work independently on the rest of the set learning which will be a mixture of pre-recorded videos, website based resources and school created resources.

- A pre-recorded video (entitled Video 1) will also be available explaining the sequence of lessons for the week (core subjects) or fortnight (option subjects) so students can understand what they are learning and the progression of skills and knowledge.
- Students need to follow the below timings for their year group which are set out below.

#### Start time of the live google meets

Mentor: 8.20 a.m.

Lesson 1: 8.40 a.m. for all students.

Lesson 2: Y7, Y9 & Y11 = 9.40 a.m.; Y8 & Y10 = 10.00 a.m.

Lesson 3: 11.00 a.m. for all students

Lesson 4: Y7, Y9 & Y11 = 12 p.m.; Y8 & Y10 = 12.40 p.m.

Lesson 5: 1.40 p.m. for all students

We are committed to delivering this plan, however I ask you to be understanding of the challenges we face with respect to technology, staffing, adapting curriculum and delivery at such a fast pace of change.

#### Working Safely and Respectfully Online:

- Please speak to your child about working safely online: The school will use google classroom, google meet and our school email address to communicate. Your child must only use their school email address to communicate with staff. Please highlight that any online safety issues need to be reported to you and to the school.
- Rewards will be given to encourage and recognise students' efforts.
- Students need to turn off their microphone and only use it at the teacher's direction - this is so background noise does not disturb.
- Students need to follow the teacher's instructions.
- If any student does not follow instructions, they will be virtually 'removed' from the live mentor time or lesson.
- The live mentor and live learning is for students of Longhill High school only – it is not appropriate for others to participate, or for any parts to be recorded by students.

It is our expectation that your child engages with the full online learning offer and we will be contacting you and your child to help and encourage them if this is not the case. We have high expectations of your child even through these challenging times.

Please contact the school if you have any further questions about what has been outlined in this communication.

Please stay safe and well and if we can support you in any further way please get in touch with us.

Take care

Yours sincerely



Kate Williams

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