



20 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your family are well. Once again, I would thank you for your continued support.

We are introducing a change to our remote learning plans which we feel will have real benefit for all the students at the school. **From Monday 25 January we will have a 'virtual' tutor time every day at 9.00am.**

This will help us support our students and give them structure to their day. Tutors will check that students are ready to learn and have everything they need to get started on their day. The sessions will also help in maintaining the sense of school community when most of the students are working remotely. The sessions will provide an opportunity for students to meet with their tutor (and tutor group) on a daily basis so that they have the chance to interact with each other and resolve any issues that they may be having with remote learning.

We will have a full range of activities for the students to engage in during the tutor time sessions. Our aim is to replicate what would normally take place in school at the start of the day.

**The tutor time sessions will be compulsory for all students and tutors will be taking an attendance register each morning. We will be asking for the student cameras to be on so that we are able to check their attendance at the sessions.**

If your son/daughter does not attend the session, we will contact you during the morning to see if there are any problems that we can solve and reinforce our expectation that students are up and ready to work every day.

As the number of live interactions with students increases, we would ask you to review our code of conduct [here](#) and indicate at the bottom of the online form that you have read and agree with our 'Online Teaching agreement'.

Mrs Lovecy will be sending out details to all parents by the end of this week, about the specific arrangements for the sessions. This will detail the code for your son/daughter that will enable them to join the tutor group classroom. Please support your son/daughter so that they are ready for the for the first session on Monday morning.

As parents I am sure that you will agree that it is essential your son/daughter engages with remote learning. Your support is crucial by making sure that they are ready at the start of the day, following the lessons on their timetable and completing and handing in all the work set by members of staff.

The tutors are very keen to see the students each day and start to provide some normality to a very unusual way of life at the moment. I am sure that the introduction of 'virtual' tutor time will be a very positive and useful experience for all of our students.

Yours sincerely

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