

To : all parents and carers

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Re : Remote Education using Google Classroom and Google Meet

As a school we are well placed to offer remote teaching using our school website and our Google Classroom and Meet facilities.

I would just like to take this opportunity to reassure parents and carers that the online systems we have in place are secure and only available to our staff and students. This ensures that no outside person is able to access any of these systems and if they do attempt to access then they are refused or blocked automatically. This has always been the basis of our security and online provisions for students and is especially applicable in the current COVID-19 situation.

We are providing a normal timetable for all students to ensure that we continue to cover the curriculum. This includes using Google Meet to deliver “live” lessons to classes. This allows students the opportunity to participate in lesson activities and ask questions with their usual teacher. We are asking students to use their cameras so that the teacher can see the students (we have shown students how to blur the background) and be able to communicate better with the class. We feel this is important for teachers and students to be able to see and communicate with each other remotely as part of their wellbeing. However, as a parent or carer, you may decide that you do not consent to your child using a camera for “live” lessons. If this is the case then they can turn off their camera but still participate in the lesson and use the chat facilities or talk to the teacher using the microphone.

Students can only access live lessons through our Google Classroom system that requires a student to log into our school website. This makes the “live” aspect secure to the students in the lesson - just like being in a classroom with the teacher in normal circumstances.

Not all our students are able to join the “live” lesson. To ensure that they do not miss out teachers upload the lesson to their Google Classroom. This is so students can access resources after the lesson to go over any aspect of the learning that they were unable to access and able to pose questions to the teacher.

I hope this clarifies how we are doing remote education and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or your Pastoral Manager.

Regards



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