



OLD BUCKENHAM
HIGH SCHOOL

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8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been one of the most unusual in my experience of over 30 years working in schools. I am extremely impressed by the way our staff and students are once again stepping up to the challenge and I have received some very positive feedback from parents. We intend to make some changes to the remote learning plans to ensure all our students receive the best opportunities for learning under the difficult current circumstances.

Form Time (9am)

As from Monday 11th January students will be expected to attend a form time session on MS Teams from 9.00am to 9.10am. This will enable your son/daughter to say hello to their friends and will enable the form teacher to pass important messages on. For students who have difficulty logging on to MS Teams a member of the pastoral team will make contact during the day for a welfare check.

Base Time and Independent Learning Time (10.25 and 12.40)

During this time we would like to encourage students to move around, get some fresh air and exercise as we know this is very important for students' physical and mental well-being. In addition, a weekly assembly will be posted on the website and activities specifically directed at improving mental health will be set on 'well-being Wednesdays'.

Curriculum Time (9.15, 11.05 and 13.40)

All lessons will run via MS Teams with the exception of PD, KS3 Music, KS3 Drama, KS3 PE and KS4 non-examined PE, for these lessons tasks will be set remotely continuing on Go4Schools. The MS Teams lessons will have a variety of components; a live introduction by the teacher which may take the form of lecture, guided power point or demonstration. Students will then be set a task to complete during which time the teacher will be available for questions. Finally, the teacher will complete the lesson with a review and/or feedback.

Access to on line activities

We are determined that students should not be disadvantaged by having limited or no access to technology. We have a good stock of laptops available and we also have access to free data, please contact the school if you need either of these. If students cannot access the internet at home using either of these facilities please make sure you again contact the school.



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Feedback

It is important that we receive regular feedback about the quality of our remote learning plans. I will be sending out a survey for both students and parents next Friday and would be very grateful if you could complete when it arrives.

Lunch Provision/Free School Meals

For students attending our in-school provision will need to bring in a packed lunch, any students attending, who are entitled to a free school meal will have a packed lunch provided. For families whose children are in receipt of a free school meal and are not attending school will receive a supermarket voucher on a two weekly basis until we are directed by the Department of Education to adopt a different approach.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend and I do understand the stress and strain that families are under, do reach out to us for help and support if you need to.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Fell
Headteacher

