



23rd October 2020

Subject: Remote Learning

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. I want to begin by thanking you all for your support at the start of this academic year following the lockdown period. Returning to INA has required a level of bravery and adaptability from the community which we have risen to and it has been joyful to have all students back on site.

I am writing to update you on how we would support your son or daughter remotely in case of a lockdown where students, or groups of students were not permitted to attend school. Whilst we hope that this won't be the case, we would like to be prepared for every eventuality so that students' learning isn't impacted.

As you will be aware, we use MS Teams to support students with their learning. In the case of a closure or partial closure students would have access to 'live' online lessons and some learning would be set remotely. Below is some key information for you to be aware of if government guidance was that we needed to close the school to particular year groups:

- Students will be asked to complete a questionnaire during AM registration time. It is important that your son or daughter is awake and ready to begin the learning for the day. They will access this through their Outlook email account. Students have been taught how to do this and a guide is available [here](#).
- We have a timetable for when live lessons take place for each year group. The timetable is available [here](#). Please ensure you know when they are expected to be present for live lessons as attendance is compulsory.
- Students will also be set learning remotely via MS Teams for days when they do not have live lessons. Their teachers will explain what is expected during the live lessons. Students have been taught how to do this and a guide is available [here](#).
- Students will be asked to complete a questionnaire during PM registration time and we will use this to see what learning they have engaged with. They need to complete this by 4pm. Completing the questionnaire is crucial as it helps us as staff understand what the learning experience has been like for that day and gives us valuable feedback.
- You will be contacted if your son or daughter is not engaging with learning. If this happens please ensure you support us in supporting your son or daughter and ensure they are engaging in the way we expect.

We are pleased to be in a position where we can support all students with live lessons and I trust that you will work with us to ensure that your son or daughter is in the best possible position if we are forced into a difficult situation. Our vision is to ensure every student leaves us with the knowledge, learning power and character necessary for success at university and beyond. This will require particular hard work and perseverance from students, parents and staff at this time.

If you have issues with IT access and need support then please can you let your son or daughter's Pastoral Leader know via info@isaacnewtonacademy.org or sixthform@isaacnetonacademy.org. We will try to support however we can.

I hope that we do not need to return to a lockdown and that this letter is merely a precaution.

I wish you all a wonderful half term break.

Yours faithfully,

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