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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well and that your son/daughter is acclimating to learning remotely again. Even though schools are closed, our goal has always been to ensure that the full curriculum is delivered to the best of our ability alongside supporting students' well-being at a time when many factors can have an impact on their ability to engage with online lessons.

At the beginning of this closure we decided to trial live lessons after feedback from students that they found independent learning difficult during the first national lockdown. However, now we feel that this needs to be revised as we need to be mindful of their health and wellness. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and students for their feedback which has been vital in our review and planning.

In addition to using parental feedback we also refer to guidance published by the DfE and Ofsted entitled "What is working well in remote education" <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/whats-working-well-in-remote-education/whats-working-well-in-remote-education>.

Going forward, as online learning continues, it is important to maintain a balance between screen time and activities. Therefore we will be reducing the amount of live lessons by half and adopting a blended learning approach whereby students can study independently to complete tasks set by the teacher at their own pace however, ensuring all deadlines for work to be submitted are met. Depending on the restrictions you're experiencing around time outside, try to encourage your child to get as much fresh air as possible during the day, this can be planned around their remote learning activities. We also wish to strongly encourage our students to continue reading for pleasure and as part of their English lessons, they will be expected to write a book review at the end of term.

Please be reassured that all staff will communicate with the students at the beginning of next week to clarify which lessons are live, what students will be studying independently and setting clear expectations for work to be submitted. Teachers will be available after the live lessons on Teams to answer any questions relating to the content of the lesson and independent study, as well as providing opportunities for students to complete any outstanding work. It is important to reiterate to your son/daughter that all live lessons are compulsory and a register will be taken to record attendance.

Now more than ever our staff are dedicated to providing a high quality education which is sustainable and offers flexibility and I hope that your child participates fully in the provision offered so that they are not behind once we return to school.

Again, thank you for all your support and please continue to provide feedback to your child's tutor or head of year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Lapskas
Principal

