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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Parents Guide to Google Classroom in 2020

Firstly I'd like to say our students and staff were wonderful during the second half of last week in very difficult and uncertain times. Our Year 11 students coped amazingly well with so much sudden change to everything they have been expecting and working towards. We will ensure they get a proper school leaving event as soon as is practically possible.

From Monday, almost all students will be home schooling using Google Classroom online. Students should follow their normal learning routines while at home. They should also get some physical exercise and screen time needs to be limited, as they will spend a lot of their 'school day' in front of a screen. Teachers will be setting lessons and work, awarding Step Points for students completing tasks set. We will be following up and letting you know if we have concerns about any lack of work completion.

It is so important that good routines are maintained for the sake of both future learning and mental health. Please ensure your children get up at the normal time and follow their normal timetable as much as possible.

Initially, it will take time for us all to get used to this new way of working. Teachers will be setting retrieval practice and revision type tasks for the two weeks to Easter. If we continue in this way after Easter, new content will need to be delivered and we will be working with teachers to develop greater variety in how this can be delivered online. Staff have been working really hard to review all the online resources available to support their teaching.

We already have some staff off self isolating and this number is likely to increase in the coming weeks. So please be patient and thank you in advance for your understanding.

We will also be reducing numbers of staff in school from the middle of the week with the introduction of a rota system for those who can do their work from home. While in school we will be doing all we can to practice social distancing.

Students must not attend school unless invited to do so. Those who can be kept at home should be, to help protect all of us.

Please see the link below which is a video explaining Google Classroom for parents.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch through the usual channels and we will do all we can to help and support.

Thank you for your support. Please remember that your children should not be going out or socialising with friends during this period as we all try to slow the spread of the Coronavirus to save lives.

I hope you and your family keep well during this challenging period.

Yours sincerely,



John Burridge
Headteacher

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