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Dear Parent/Carer

Remote Learning: Live Lessons

As you may have read recently in the newsletter, we are developing our remote learning offer to include the delivery of 'Live Lessons'. Following successful trials last week, we are pleased to be able to offer this experience to more classes and students over the coming weeks.

This letter and the accompanying document outlines how and why we are doing this, and hopefully answers any questions you may have.

Guidance for Joining a Class

Please find attached a guide for students on how to access their live lesson, which will be via the normal Google Classroom they have been using for some of their Remote Learning so far. Please share this with your child, and talk through with them how to access their lessons.

Safeguarding and Conduct

In order to safeguard all students and staff, it is expected that all participants will keep their cameras off for the duration of the lesson, and also that all lessons will be recorded. This also means that if your child is unable to attend the live lesson, they can watch the recording at a later time.

How will my child know if they have a Live Lesson? What time will they be?

Your child's teacher will post in the Class Charts assignment for that day that they have a Live Lesson. They may also post an announcement in the classroom stream on Google Classroom if appropriate.

All work is uploaded at 8.30am each day, so encourage your child to check Class Charts in the usual way.

Live Lessons will take place at the same day and time that students would have that lesson in school. So for example, if their English teacher announces that they have a Live Lesson that day and your child has English after break, the lesson will start at 11.20am as usual.

Is attendance compulsory?

We will log attendance at live lessons, and this will be counted as a submission of work, which we are tracking closely. However, we appreciate that home circumstances vary and attendance may not always be possible. If this is the case, we simply ask that your child messages their teacher either through Google Classroom or their school gmail account to say they will be absent.

What if my child misses a lesson?

All lessons are recorded for safeguarding reasons, but also so that if a student misses a lesson, they can watch the recording at a convenient time. Please note that recordings take a little while to upload to the Google Drive and so are not available immediately - please allow teaching staff some time to upload these following the lesson.

All recordings will be placed in the Google Classroom for that class and teachers will signpost where these can be found.

How many Live Lessons will my child have each week?

We are gradually rolling out Live Lessons, as we do not want to overwhelm students and households with too many Live Lessons in one day, so we are taking a phased approach.

Our aim is that over the course of a week, students will receive a blended learning experience of some Live Lessons, some lessons with recorded content and some lessons where they are asked to work on an independent task either on or away from the screen.

There are many benefits to Live Lessons which we recognise, but equally we also realise that an offer of five Live Lessons a day will have its drawbacks and challenges too - so we are aiming to find a middle ground with the variety of approaches we are aiming to employ.

Like all schools, we are continuously working to develop our remote offer and our practice, and we appreciate your support as we work together to ensure that your child's education and progress continues despite school closures.

We do hope your child will be able to attend the live lessons they are invited to over the coming weeks, and we hope that the introduction of this new way of working will be of benefit to us all.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the Live Lessons, please contact Mrs Steele via the school office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CA Moffat', written in a cursive style.

Mrs CA Moffat
Headteacher