



18<sup>th</sup> January 2021,

Dear Parent/ carer,

We have made it through our first week of remote learning and I would like to thank all pupils, parents and staff for making this as successful as it has been. There has been engagement by most young people and those who have been unable to due to IT issues have hopefully been getting those issues resolved quickly. This week Pastoral Care teachers and Year Heads will be contacting some young people to support them to further engage with their learning.

I am thankful for the positive feedback we have had from many of you but am mindful that what is positive for one family could be a stressor for another. We believe that the structure of the timetable has been a good guide to enable pupils to keep to some form of routine. However, we are aware that it is not always possible or convenient for all young people, when engaging from home, to follow their timetable during the day and want to be as flexible as we can be to enable everyone to engage with their learning.

Teachers will still be providing work for pupils during their timetabled periods with a degree of flexibility around when pupils submit work. Lessons will be delivered during the periods on the timetable and work will be in the following formats; work set for pupils to complete independently, live lessons - video, talk over PowerPoints, audio, on-line support during that period and assignments to be completed and uploaded for teachers to mark and give feedback on. Teachers will not always be available for immediate feedback during a timetabled lesson but will get back to any pupil as soon as they can.

We hope that this will allow a degree of flexibility for you and your children whilst still giving some sort of structure to the day.

If there are any particular barriers to your child engaging with their learning please ensure you contact your child's pastoral care teacher and they will try to help.

Regards,

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Mrs L Hamilton,

Headteacher