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Remote Learning at Weatherhead High School: A Guide for Parents and Carers of students in KS4

What is remote learning?

The staff at Weatherhead have designed a programme of remote learning which will enable students to engage in high quality learning at home if they are absent from school (but well enough to complete work); when class bubbles or year groups need to isolate or in the event of a school closure.

When the school is open, the work set remotely will mirror the work being taught by teachers in the classroom to ensure students working from home do not fall behind with their learning. In the event of a school closure the planned curriculum will continue to be taught to all students remotely.

Remote learning will be made available to students immediately on the first day of absence.

How can students access their learning remotely?

All class work will be set in Google Classroom.

What type of work will be set?

Teachers will set the same topic and work linked to what is being delivered in school. Video clips from websites such as The Oak National Academy or BBC Bitesize may also be used to support students with their learning. Teachers may also upload video footage of themselves teaching a concept. For some subjects, students will be signposted to other online platforms, such as: Hegarty Maths, The Everlearner and Languagenut.

When should work be completed?

If students are well and able to complete work at home, they should log onto Google Classroom from home when they have their normal timetabled lesson for each subject (timetables can be found in the Student Planner). Teachers will upload the work before the lesson is due to start so that students can complete their class work at the same time as other students who are in the lesson.

For example, if a student has English period one on Tuesday, the student should access their English Google Classroom during the normal lesson time and complete the class work set by their teacher.

How will work be assessed?

Completed work needs to be uploaded into Google Classroom, and it will be marked by the class teacher (unless work has been set using an online platform such Hegarty Maths or The Everlearner).

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When will students be expected to join live lessons?

On occasion, when class bubbles or the year group are required to isolate, KS4 students may be invited to join live lessons from home when they have their normal timetabled lesson. If students are not invited to join live lessons, they should complete the work set by their class teacher in Google Classroom.

How will students know when to join a live lesson?

Students will be invited to join a lesson via Google Meet or Zoom from home, if they are well enough to participate in the lesson. Teachers will generate and share a link with students and classes in Google Classroom.

What is expected from students?

Assuming that students are healthy and well enough to complete work, they will be expected to participate as fully as possible in the remote learning process by completing work to the best of their ability and adhering to set deadlines.

Students will be expected to log into Google Classroom following their normal timetable at the start of each lesson, so they can complete the classwork at the same time as their peers in school. Work completed must be uploaded into Google Classroom to enable the teachers to provide timely feedback.

If students require any additional support from their teacher, they should contact their class teacher using Google Classroom. Students should do this during the school (working) day. Comments posted by students in Google Classroom must be linked to classwork and the student's learning. Google Classroom must not be used to post personal information or personal messages to teachers and students. Teachers will only respond to questions from students that are related to their learning.

When accessing live lessons from home, students should not share the Google Meets/Zoom links with anyone else. They should work in a family space (not their bedroom) and wear clothing appropriate for school.

Students must follow the School's Behaviour for Learning Policy at all times and conduct themselves in the manner expected in the classroom setting at school.

Any inappropriate behaviour will result in the student being removed from the virtual lesson and the appropriate sanction will be applied.

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How can parents/carers support?

In order to support time management, students are encouraged to follow their normal school timetable when working remotely from home. You should discuss the work that has been set and contact Mrs Rogers, Deputy Headteacher, if you have any questions regarding remote learning or if you require any additional support by using the email address below:

curriculum@weatherheadhigh.co.uk

The curriculum section on the School's website contains useful links and learning resources, which you can access by clicking on the link below:

https://weatherheadhigh.co.uk/curriculum/e-learning/