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Dear parent/carer

### **Blended Learning**

You will be aware that some groups of students are currently required to self-isolate at home. At this point, I would like to provide a reminder of our Blended Learning strategy. If your child is affected now, or in the future, I would like to ensure that all of our families are clear on how their child's education will continue and what they can expect from us at this time.

First of all, if we have the capacity to deliver a lesson "Live" to your child at home, we will. Sometimes, however, this is not always possible, depending on the patterns of students required to self-isolate and the staffing capacity available in the Academy.

It is likely that your child will receive a blend of: lessons provided with video links to expert teachers in their Class Notebook, and Live Lessons delivered by our teaching staff to your child at home.

The first thing that you can expect is that your child will immediately be added to an "Isolation Group" in Microsoft Teams, which is used for Live Lesson access only. The rest of their work can be found in their normal Class Team.

As soon as possible, a Blended Learning Timetable will be shared with your child for them to follow at home. This will appear in the "Isolation Group" in the "Files" Section.

### **Home Learning**

All of our children can access all of their lesson resources at any time in Microsoft Teams. They can find these in their Class Notebook. If you are unsure of how to access these, please just watch Video Number 4 in the Home Learning tab of our website, which you can find here:

<https://www.dukeries.atrust.org.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=104>

We have made sure that our lessons resources are effectively supported as far as possible by high-quality video lessons, provided by Oak National Academy. Your child can click the link provided by their teacher, access a lesson from an expert teacher, and complete the work using the resources in their Class Notebook.

Any lessons based in Class Notebook, will be coloured in blue on your child's timetable.

If your child is required to self-isolate, then all of their lessons can be found in this location and they are required to work through these by following their normal school timetable.

### **Live Lessons**

As far as possible, we will be teaching Live Lessons. These may not always be in line with your child's normal timetable, but will aim to ensure a broad and balanced online curriculum. If your child has a Live Lesson, these will appear in their Microsoft Teams calendar. All they need to do is click on the event and press "Join". If you are unsure of how to do so, please watch Video Number 3 by following the link above.

If your child has a Live Lesson, this will be coloured in gold on your child's timetable.

### **Returning Work**

Your child could be asked to return work in different ways, which will be determined by the teacher. It may take the form of an email attachment, a photograph of work or an upload to Microsoft Teams.

Our aim, at all times, is to ensure that your child receives the best educational opportunities and highest standard of learning that we can possibly provide.

We would like to thank you for working with us as we navigate these challenging circumstances and would invite you to contact us should you experience any issues.

To resolve any IT issues, especially if your child has forgotten their password and requires this resetting, please email: [ITSupportTDA@academytransformation.co.uk](mailto:ITSupportTDA@academytransformation.co.uk)

All of the above is explained further in the parent and student guides that I have enclosed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any aspect of this letter.

Kind regards



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**Assistant Principal**

