

10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope you and your family are well. We apologise for the delay in providing work for your child whilst in self-isolation, but we have now posted some resources which we hope should arrive today/tomorrow. We are sending two booklets, one each for literacy and numeracy. The booklets contain basic skills work that was due to be completed in lessons over the next few weeks. Pupils are encouraged to complete as much or as little as they are able to, with no expectation that the booklets are entirely completed. Please contact us if the work is too difficult and we will e-mail alternative work.

We have sent paper copies in order to be equitable to all pupils; we don't know your children well enough yet to know who has access to IT facilities and who doesn't. We used the online platforms Classcharts and Microsoft Teams effectively throughout lockdown with our pupils and will be continuing a blended approach to learning over the next few weeks and months; resources and learning plans will be posted online regularly to ensure that pupils forced to stay at home can still access their education. We just need to get the Year 7's in school long enough to explain to them how everything works!

Classcharts is an online platform through which we can issue messages, resources and homework, as well as rewards and sanctions. You can see your child's timetable on Classcharts and monitor their pastoral progress as merits and sanctions are posted on the app daily. Please download the ClassCharts app as soon as you can and log on using the information given to your child on the first day. We also use Microsoft Teams in school but unfortunately the Year 7's weren't in school long enough to be taught how to log on and use this effectively. This will be a priority when they return, in order to ensure learning can continue more smoothly should we find ourselves in this situation again.

We have missed having the Year 7's in school this week and are very aware of the extreme disruption they have experienced over the last few weeks and months. We hope that the time they spent with us on Friday and Monday will have reassured any initial anxieties they may have had and that they are looking forward to coming back on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your patience and support and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries about the work when it arrives.

Yours sincerely



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