



TOTTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Excellence Through Partnership



13th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that this letter finds you safe and well.

This week has seen us embark on blended learning - a mixture of Loom lessons and live lessons. As you will be aware, we are using Teams for our live lessons. We are delighted to have been able to move to this so swiftly and my thanks go to staff for their resourcefulness.

Already, students have been responding really well to the live lessons and we have had a lot of positive feedback, thank you. We anticipate that, over the coming weeks, we can increase the live learning. Our staff much prefer to be teaching and interacting with their classes.

You will be conscious of the current COVID data. Many of our staff are parents themselves, and I have a duty to ensure that they are able to make reasonable arrangements for their own children. As you will appreciate, they are reliant on their childcare and education providers themselves. Therefore, from MONDAY 18TH JANUARY, we will be making some slight changes to the timings of the 'remote school day' to cater for this.

The day will be as follows:

Period 1: 9.15am - 10am (please note the later start time)

Period 2: 10am - 11am

Period 3: 11.20am - 12.20pm

Period 4: 12.20pm - 1.20pm

Period 5: 2pm - 3pm

During live lessons, the teacher will deliver for the first 35 minutes and then students will be set independent learning to complete for the remainder of the session.

Please note: if your child is in school on the critical worker rota, then their start and finish times remain as they are.

As you have been previously informed, attendance calls will be made where students do not log on for the live lessons. Registers will be taken and support staff will be making calls to check that the technology is working and that students are safe and well. This is a new system and it relies on a lot of staff support, so please bear with us as we embed this.

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In addition, as soon as possible, we will be introducing a weekly form tutor time once a week at 1.20pm so that students can enjoy a form time activity, too. More information to follow regarding this.

If your child encounters any difficulties using Teams, please visit the 'Home Learning' section of the school website where you will find guidance and videos. You can also email homelearning@tottington.shaw-education.org.uk if you need support.

It is really important for me to stress that students must behave sensibly when on live sessions. Students must not share their lesson invitations or their personal log on details with any other child. Nor should they attempt to attend lessons that are not their lessons. In addition, the chat facility should only be used to discuss learning. If we have any breaches, then relevant students will be removed from the live learning option. Thank you for your support with this. I am sure that the vast majority of students need no reminders.

Finally for now, please ensure that your child has the necessary equipment in order to learn effectively and please be aware that green and red behaviour for learning points will still be applied during remote learning sessions.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Our next Parent Forums are on Monday, 18th January at 4pm and repeated again at 7pm. If you would like to attend these, please contact Caron Chappell on cchappell@tottington.shaw-education.org.uk

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely



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