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Educating with care to succeed

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Dear Parents and Carers

Now we are nearing the end of our second week of this lockdown, I thought I would write to you to ensure you are aware of how things are progressing in the academy and with academy matters.

I hope your sons and daughters are accessing the remote learning effectively and are working hard on their learning at home. As a parent myself, I am aware that the move to remote learning has presented a number of challenges. Rest assured, we are aware of these challenges and are making improvements to what we are offering on a daily basis.

We have been really pleased by the amount of engagement and the number of students who are regularly logging in and engaging with the work. Thank you for your support with this. We advise that you spend time each day looking through the work that has been set, completed and handed in. This is a great way to support your son or daughter with their learning.

Staff are offering an increased number of live lessons across the academy; these are fantastic and a good way for interactive learning to take place. They are not, however, the 'be all and end all'. We have asked staff to offer a mix of live lessons, interactive feedback, and independent work to ensure variety and to make this manageable for families as well as staff over time.

As your son/daughter will be spending more time than they normally would on their devices accessing their learning, I wanted to let you know about the 20:20:20 rule. This involves looking away from your screen for 20 seconds every 20 minutes and focussing on something 20 metres away. This gives your eyes a regular break from the screen.

THE 20-20-20 RULE
to reduce the effects of digital eye strain

Take a break for 20 seconds...

...and look at something 20 feet away...

...every 20 minutes.

Follow the 20-20-20 rule and give your eyes a break! **healthysetgo.**



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It is also important to be mindful of online safety. Ms Royle will be sending out supporting information about this next week but in the meantime remember to be safety vigilant of what your sons and daughters are accessing, change passwords regularly and only communicate with people you know.

We are in the process of reviewing the academy calendar. Due to the different way of working, we will be rescheduling Parents' Evenings to later in the year. Please look out for information on rescheduled dates in a few weeks' time.

Lateral Flow Testing consent forms have gone out today to those parents whose sons and daughters are in the academy. We are aiming to start testing students on Tuesday next week (19 January). Current guidance is that students should be tested twice only, three days apart. (Please be mindful that guidance is changing regularly).

The academy is working in a completely different way than it ever has before and the whole academy community has worked brilliantly so far.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Lawrence', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

MARK LAWRENCE
Acting Headteacher