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8th January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we come to the end of the first week back to remote working, I would like to thank pupils and families for their fantastic efforts! The response from the school community has been very impressive, and I am confident that we will continue to go from strength to strength. I'd also like to draw your attention to the following information and updates that you will find useful:

Remote Education

Staff are committed to ensuring that pupils receive a high quality education. There has been a significant increase in the provision of 'live' lessons, and this is something we are continuing to expand. Work is being set according to pupils' timetables, and I would ask you to continue to support your child in following their normal school routine. Work is set on Class Charts, and pupils must check here each day. In many instances, they may be directed from here to Google Classroom.

Please be aware that staff will indicate what work needs to be uploaded / submitted online. Furthermore, there is no expectation that work needs to be printed out.

I would also encourage you, as I am sure you do, to review your child's work with them each day. This is useful in ensuring you know they are engaging effectively, and will enable you to contact us with any concerns or queries you or your child may have.

There are home school resources available to support you on the school website - the link is here

On-site Education

We continue to provide on-site education for the children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils. If you need access to this provision for your child please email pastoral@trinity.bexley.sch.uk (the online form previously shared has been closed). Please note, you do **not** need to contact us if your child is already attending as part of this provision.

In line with previous communications, the school will begin Lateral Flow Testing for Covid-19 beginning Monday 11th January for staff and pupils on-site. Please ensure you have completed the below form, which allows you to confirm or withhold consent. If you have already completed this form, you do not need to do it again. **Please note, your child will need to log into their school account to access the form.** https://forms.gle/1YkzxzcwSjcsxxzo8

Please be aware that if your child is at school and you have consented to testing, they will bring home a registration card with a personalised barcode. You will need to ensure you register using the details on this card, which enables you to receive notification of the result. The school will only contact you in the event of a positive test.

Furthermore, I must also remind you that **no pupil should attend school if they are displaying symptoms of Covid-19.** They must self-isolate and arrange a test via https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test



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Digital Devices & Internet access

Over the past 2 days, we have allocated the laptops provided to us by the Department for Education, and are pleased that this has enabled so many pupils to access remote education more effectively. If this continues to be a problem for your child, please contact the school so that we can support.

You may also be aware that the Government announced a number of mobile networks are providing **free data** to pupils so that they can access remote education. In order to meet the eligibility criteria, the following must apply:

- You must NOT have access to wifi at home through a standard internet service
- Your mobile phone must be provided by one of the listed providers (see form)
- You cannot afford to add additional data to your current arrangements

The school needs to make this request on behalf of families & pupils, and to enable us to do so please complete this form: https://forms.gle/JTBo69Hf4LarNjXK8

We will register this information with the Government on Monday, so please ensure you provide your details over the weekend.

Finally, it has been brought to our attention that pupils are able to access Google Classroom via an Xbox / PlayStation – this may be very helpful for those without a PC or Laptop at home. Please see the following article for more details:

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Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains a priority for all during this period of remote learning. We have a Designated Safeguarding Officer on-site every day - if you have any Safeguarding concerns, related to remote working or otherwise, please contact the school reception and you will be connected or called back as soon as possible.

Free School Meals

We are sorry that there have been issues with the provision of Free School Meal entitlement. This is due to Morrison's cancelling orders and is, regrettably, beyond our control. We are continuing to try and ensure everyone who has requested a food delivery receives one. If you have an urgent need re: food provision, please contact the school as soon as possible and we will endeavour to help.

Furthermore, we are awaiting an updated announcement re: the National Voucher Scheme. As soon as we have more details we will share these, and would hope that we can get this system operational with the minimum of delay.

Wishing you an enjoyable and relaxing weekend. Stay safe!

Yours sincerely

Mr Simon Godden Principal



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