



Re: Remote Learning preparation Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this letter finds you and your families well. We are aware that we are having to send an unusual amount of letters to parents this term, and that some of the information can be overwhelming. We are also aware that the details we are communicating are essential in your understanding of changes to our arrangements in school, and to future plans in the event of further restrictions.

I would first like to thank you and your children for your firm support in ensuring that the students wear face masks in corridors and between lessons; they have been wholeheartedly responsive to the need and expectation of this new way of working, being mindful of their own and others' safety.

As I write this letter, we are fortunate to have all of our year groups in school and have so far had no member of staff or student test positively for Covid-19. We very much hope that this continues to be the case. However, we know that it is possible that we may find ourselves in a situation where some students - this may be small groups or whole year groups - will not be learning in school for 14 days or more, in the event of a positive test result. While we absolutely want every student in school with their teachers, we also must ensure that our community is safe and we take care of each other.

Therefore, this letter summarises the arrangements that will be made in the event of each Tier of restrictions. It is vital that your children's learning continues to be ambitious, engaging and high quality. Please review the information below; in the event of restrictions being announced, we will provide more specific details and guidance.

In the event of your child self-isolating because they or a member of their household has Covid-19 symptoms:

- Contact the school and let them know as soon as possible
- You will be advised to take a test
- Once you have received the results of the test, let the school know
- If the test is negative, your child should return to school
- While they are at home - if otherwise well - they should complete work on Google Classroom
- All teachers upload their work on a weekly basis so that any student at home can complete the same work as those in class
- If you require hard copies of work for your child, please ring and speak to their Year Manager
- If the test is positive, they should isolate for 14 days



In the event of a bubble or group of students self-isolating:

- You will be informed by text or email if another student has tested positive and if your child has been in close contact with them
- We will not name the student who has tested positive
- Your child will be sent home as soon as possible that day
- Please let your child's Year Manager know now if you do not wish for your child to be sent home before the end of the school day in this eventuality
- Class teachers will continue to set work on Google Classroom on a weekly basis, including recorded lessons using video or audio
- Each student will also receive a paper booklet for each of their subjects
- Students should complete their work online and on paper, returning the completed work at the end of the 14 day isolation period
- Appropriate work will be arranged for students with specific educational needs

In the event of Tier 2 restrictions:

- You will be informed by text or email if a decision has been taken to move to Tier 2 restrictions
- Students will attend school on a rota system, with selected year groups attending school for 2 weeks, followed by 2 weeks of remote learning (and so on throughout the period of restrictions)
- All students will therefore have some in-school provision and some remote learning
- Class teachers will continue to set work on Google Classroom for completion during the remote learning period, including recorded lessons using video or audio
- Each student will also receive a paper booklet for each of their subjects to complete at home
- Students should complete their work online and on paper, returning the completed work at the end of the 2 week remote learning period
- Appropriate work will be arranged for students with specific educational needs
- Students identified as vulnerable or the children of critical workers will be eligible to attend school full-time regardless of their year group
- The content of the curriculum will be communicated as soon as possible after the notification of Tier 2 restrictions has been made
- There will be opportunities for online Q&A sessions for parents and students to ask questions of Senior Leaders, Faculty Team Leaders and Subject Leaders about their home learning



In the event of Tier 3 restrictions:

- If a decision has been taken to provide in-school learning only for selected year groups, you will be informed as soon as possible by text or email
- Some year groups will continue to attend school full-time, some will have full-time remote education for the duration of the restrictions
- Class teachers will continue to set work on Google Classroom on a weekly basis for completion at home, including recorded lessons using video or audio
- Each student will also receive a paper booklet for each of their subjects to complete at home
- Appropriate work will be arranged for students with specific educational needs
- Work on paper can be returned to the school either in a SAE, collection by a member of staff or a drop-off point at the school gate
- Students identified as vulnerable or the children of critical workers will be eligible to attend school full-time regardless of their year group
- Feedback will be provided online using mechanisms such as Google Forms and whole class feedback
- Each subject will also identify one significant piece of work every 2-3 weeks (depending on the subject) that will be marked individually
- The content of the curriculum will be communicated to parents and students as soon as possible after the notification of Tier 3 restrictions has been made
- There will be opportunities for online Q&A sessions for parents and students to ask questions of Senior Leaders, Faculty Team Leaders and Subject Leaders to support their home learning

In the event of Tier 4 restrictions:

- Arrangements as above for Tier 3, however all year groups will be working remotely
- Children identified as vulnerable and the children of critical workers may continue to attend school full-time

Feedback on your child's engagement, wellbeing and learning

- Class teachers will feed back on the quality and completion of work produced at home by adding Remote Learning THRIVE or behaviour points to Class Charts
- Please ensure that you have logged on to Class Charts and review the updates on a daily basis - let your child's Year Manager know if you need login details
- Form tutors will make weekly phone calls to check on learning and wellbeing



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Our online learning platforms:

Century Tech: Maths, English and Science at KS3 and 4 - primarily used by Maths

Educake: Science at KS3 and 4

Seneca: All subjects at KS3 and 4

In preparation:

- Please check that your child has login details for all the online platforms that they use, including Google Classroom
- Ensure they have the resources that they need at home; pens, pencils, paper, Maths equipment, flash cards, highlighters - let us know if you would like any resources
- Talk to your child about the expectations for them during any periods of remote learning - the work is not optional and any incomplete work will be followed up on

We sincerely hope that we can keep as many of our students in school for as long as possible. We are nonetheless prepared for the potential of tiered restrictions. If you have any questions about these arrangements, please email info@glossopdale.school.

Kind regards,

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Deputy Headteacher