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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well during these difficult times. I thought it might be useful to keep you updated about what students should and could be doing during this time of home learning.

All the information below is available on our website. We have updated the Parent section with a new section on remote learning. Please click on the link:

<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/Support-for-remote-learning/>

We will update this regularly. Following the closure of schools, more and more education websites are making resources available online for free; we will communicate details of recommended resources as and when they become available.

Your child should log on to Google Classroom every day and, where possible, they should have a quiet space to concentrate while they work. Mobile phones should be kept away from the workspace.

Here are the answers to some questions you may have on the work your child should be completing:

Where will work be set?

Teaching staff will set work for your child to complete at home. All work will be set on Google Classroom. We will create resource packs using hard copies of resources and stationery for students who have limited access to the internet, please let us know via email at info@glossopdale.school if you require one or more of these and we will make arrangements for you to receive one.

How often will work be set?

Our teaching staff have been asked to provide work one week at a time. This is in order to manage their workload and also to avoid overloading students.

Which online learning platforms does the school subscribe to?

Many staff will set some work requiring students to log on to online platforms that we subscribe to in school, students should have their login details for these websites.

Parents will receive a text message with usernames for Google Classroom, Mathswatch and Educake for their child by the end of this week. If students have forgotten their password, please contact their subject teacher.

There are also many recommended websites that students can join themselves, or may have joined already such as:

Seneca: <https://www.senecalearning.com/>

Memrise: <https://www.memrise.com/>

Quizlet: <https://quizlet.com/en-gb>

Anki: <https://apps.ankiweb.net/>



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BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

The government have commissioned the BBC to produce education resources for home learning. We will communicate details of these once they are available.

How can I support my child in their learning at home?

We realise that it can be hard to structure and balance work when working remotely and in the absence of teachers.

Our website has advice for parents in supporting their children with their learning:

<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/-Parents/Helping-your-Child-with-Learning/>

How do I know which topics my child is studying?

We also have a selection of Knowledge Organisers in the Curriculum section of our website. These detail the core knowledge for a range of subject units for KS3 and 4. These can be printed off or used online for students to make notes, mindmaps and flashcards from. If you have the time, please use this as a resource to use with your children, you can quiz them on the information and spellings of the key vocabulary.

<https://www.glossopdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/Curriculum-Resources-23012020092409/>

The curriculum maps for all subjects are available on our website (under the heading 'Curriculum') so that you can see what your child has been learning this year and will be learning in the future.

What feedback will my child receive?

Please bear in mind that some of our staff will be working from home as a result of the recommendation to self-isolate, some may be unwell at home and some may have dependents to care for. We have asked staff that they set work, and review students' responses, where appropriate, on a regular basis. Given the changing nature of the local and national situation, we cannot guarantee that individual students' work will be marked on a routine basis. Thank you for your understanding.

What do I do if my child is struggling with the work?

If you have any questions about the setting or feedback of work, please email the Faculty Team Leader for that faculty.

Below are the email addresses of the Faculty Team Leader for each subject:

English: Ms. Twibell jtwebell@glossopdale.school

Maths: Mr. Jackson cjackson@glossopdale.school

Science: Mrs. Spacey npacey@glossopdale.school

Technology: Mrs. Ryan vryan@glossopdale.school

PE: Mr. Elliott delliott@glossopdale.school

Expressive Arts: Mrs. Nevin hnevin@glossopdale.school

Modern Foreign Languages: Mrs. Cloarec jcloarec@glossopdale.school

Global Studies: Mrs. Leckie sleckie@glossopdale.school

IT, Health and Business: Mr Holmes sholmes@glossopdale.school



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It would be really useful if students followed a timetable to maintain some structure to their day. Below is an example of how their day may be structured.

Time	Activity
9.35-9.00am	Read the assembly PowerPoint and the Personal Development lessons
9.00am-10.00am	Lesson 1
10.00am-11.00am	Lesson 2
11.00am-11.20	Get some fresh air outside in the garden etc. ensuring social distancing rules are observed.
11.20-12.20	Lesson 3
12.20-1.00	Lunch break
1.00-2.00	Lesson 4
2.00-3.00	Lesson 5

Please guide your child in completing their work and encourage them by asking questions about their learning every day. This will help them to stay motivated and to understand the work more clearly.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Debbie McGloin
Headteacher