



St. Katherine's School

19 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

PARENTS/CARERS OF YEAR 8 - Learning@Home

Further to the letter confirming a positive case in Year 8, we have taken the decision to engage the whole of Year 8 in our Learning@Home programme from Friday 20 November to Wednesday 25 November 2020. This means Year 8 will not attend school and we look forward to welcoming the whole of Year 8 back to school on Thursday 26 November 2020.

**For clarity, those students who have not been identified as close contacts are not required to self isolate during this period unless they or someone in their household develops symptoms or they are contacted by Track and Trace.** Please follow the advice in the letter this evening should your child or someone in your household develop symptoms.

We have taken this decision after careful consideration, due to the number of staff and students who are now legally required to self isolate and the ever increasing demand and availability of supply teachers. In balancing safety, along with the quality of education, we are taking these steps to ensure classes retain the classroom specialist to deliver the subject curriculum where possible. Through our Learning@Home programme, all students will benefit from a full curriculum each day, following the normal structure of our school day.

Where possible, staff will deliver a live lesson for students via google meet. All students are to log into this session via the google meet link which can be found at the top of their google classroom page. Each session will last for approximately 45 minutes and students are expected to complete all of the tasks set in the lesson. Students are to join the live lesson with their microphones muted and the cameras switched off. They will be able to communicate with their teacher via the chat function within google meet. For further information regarding the Learning@Home programme, please see this [link](#). In preparation for a smooth start tomorrow morning, please discuss our Learning@Home expectations with your child, which are detailed in the linked guidance on pages 5 and 6.

If you do not have access to a laptop or the internet, please contact your child's Head of House.

We recognise our Learning@Home programme is not a perfect substitute for a day in school for all children and we will be in contact to support students for both their wellbeing and where engagement is not forthcoming to offer further support and guidance.

We will keep you updated should we need to provide you with any further information. Should you have any further questions please contact your child's Head of House or Mr Maw ([mawm@skdrive.org.uk](mailto:mawm@skdrive.org.uk)). For specific questions regarding Learning@Home please contact Miss Richards ([richardsk@skdrive.org.uk](mailto:richardsk@skdrive.org.uk)).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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