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Dear Parent/Carer

REMOTE LEARNING – DAILY MONITORING OF ENGAGEMENT

We are now nearly two weeks into the launch of our remote learning. While there have unsurprisingly been a few glitches for some, the overwhelming feedback has been really positive and students are engaging well with their remote learning.

As you would expect, we are constantly reviewing our practice to ensure what we are doing is of the highest quality and meets DfE requirements. One thing, in particular, has come to light for which we need your support please. The government have made it a statutory requirement to monitor the daily engagement of children, so we need to ensure we can match a student's log-in (on screen name and avatar) with their physical being. Therefore, during the live teaching sessions, tutor time and welfare calls, students are expected to have **their cameras on** (unless otherwise directed by the teacher). This is for a variety of reasons, but predominately for safeguarding and welfare. It is vitally important that when staff complete their daily registers they are able to see the student. Thereafter, staff may then let students know their cameras can be turned off. Students must be appropriately dressed and we would encourage students to be accessing their remote learning from an appropriate place (ie not from in their bed!). These routines will safeguard not only the student, but the adult. Students can set backgrounds on Teams if this helps.

The schools will continue to praise those students who are consistently putting in the effort to engage with all their subjects and teachers, all of the time. Teaching live lessons is a challenge for all, so we will recognise and praise weekly exceptional levels of commitment where it is demonstrated.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents/carers who have contacted directly in such a positive way and shared their thanks directly to us. It means a lot to us to receive this feedback and it provides the teaching staff with a boost. As always, we will continue to be reflective and strive to support your children in the best way during the pandemic.

Best wishes

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