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Children's Services

Dear Parents / Carers

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for engaging with our newly introduced remote learning and for the support you have given your child over the past week.

This is a new way of working that as a school staff we are determined to make a success. Despite a few ICT issues, which were out with our control, I am delighted to report very positive levels of engagement from our young people across all year groups.

However, I also fully understand the pressure this approach can bring to families. Please be assured we are here to offer support if required. The school has robust pupil monitoring procedures and contact arrangements in place to ensure all pupils are able to progress with their learning.

Remote learning

Remote learning will continue this week. On a Monday morning, the week's programme of activities will be uploaded onto the TEAMS page for each class. Again, as far as is possible and reasonable, teachers will endeavour to deliver the content of their timetabled classes remotely. Importantly, pupils will be expected to engage with their timetabled lessons each day. Please refer to my previous communication for details of this.

Communication with Pupils

Last week, in order to gather the views of our young people a series of meetings was organised across all year groups. These meetings were very informative and provided some actions points which I was able to share with staff.

Year group assemblies will continue to take place on a weekly basis to provide support and encouragement.

Pupils continue to have direct contact with their teachers and pastoral care staff throughout the week.

Pupils have also been made aware that the pastoral staff can be contacted at any time if they are experiencing personal issues.

Director of Children's Services: Steven Quinn

Communication with Parents

I would again stress the importance of signing up to the Satchel one app (formally known as Show my homework) if you are still to do so. Through this app we will provide you with an overview of work to be completed by your child as well as a note of completion dates.

I will attend a meeting of our Parent council tonight where I will provide an overview of our current arrangements as well as answering any questions from members. A note of this discussion will be posted under our parent council TAB on the website.

I am aware that parents also can experience personal issues at this time and as a school we would like to offer support. I intend issuing a questionnaire to gather views.

ICT Support

If your child is experiencing any ICT issues please contact gw20digitallearning@glow.sch.uk or by clicking the link on the website (Digital learning links button)

The school office is also available on 0300 300 1441.

Finally, you will also find a series of guides and resources available on our newly created Digital Learning TAB on our website www.oraetlabora.co.uk

I will continue to provide regular updates. These will be available on the school website www.oraetlabora.co.uk and through our twitter account @stbenedictsren

Thank you for your patience and continued support at this time.



Alan Taylor

Head Teacher