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 Children’s Services

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I wish you all the very best for 2021 which I hope is a safe and happy one for you all. Hopefully we will overcome the current circumstances we find ourselves in and be back enjoying school and a more normal life soon. I would like to update you on the arrangements for the start of term on Monday.

The school is open for staff and to support the children of key workers only. Remote learning will begin for all young people on Monday 11 January. This will involve students broadly following their normal school timetable. They will undertake a mixture of live classes, pre-recorded lessons and set tasks using the Microsoft Teams platform. During each timetabled lesson slot, a teacher will be available online to support your child’s learning, to provide feedback and to answer questions.

It is important for health and wellbeing and to progress learning that a structure is created for your child’s learning. If your child is unwell and not able to participate then please contact the school. Staff will be using a variety of methods to communicate with pupils and encourage them to complete work. We can also provide resources such as jotters and stationery packs. Please contact the school should you require these resources or have difficulties with access to remote learning. Pupils should know their timetable, however please contact us should you require a copy of this.

I have also attached a Learning at Home Guide for pupils and parents which contains step by step access guides and contact details for the school and staff.

I understand the challenges that not being in school brings to families. Our most important focus is the health and wellbeing of pupils so please contact us and we will try to support you as best with can within the current constraints.

Your sincerely

Gillian Macartney