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7th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your families are all safe and well.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding during a rather unsettled start to the New Year due to the ongoing impact of the Corona virus pandemic.

Throughout this week the staff at Ravenshall have been working tirelessly to prepare an appropriate Remote Education for each individual pupil.

As of Monday 11th of January, your child will be invited to three Microsoft Teams sessions per day at the following times:

- Session 1 – 10am
- Session 2 – 11am
- Session 3 – 1pm

Invitation links will be delivered to you through Class Dojo messaging. If you are not already signed up to Class Dojo please contact the school office for assistance. The delivery of the Microsoft Teams sessions will follow variety of formats depending on the needs of your child. Here are some examples:

- Formal lessons delivered to many pupils at once
- Introductions to tasks from your child's tutor which you can complete together at home
- Teacher led activities with smaller groups of pupils
- Support staff led activities with smaller groups of pupils

The duration of these sessions will also depend on the needs of your child. We also acknowledge that many of you may be unfamiliar with the use of Microsoft Teams therefore our IT support team is currently producing video tutorials which will be shared with you on Class Dojo. We are also working to support any pupils who may lack the necessary digital equipment to access appropriate online learning. Class tutors have already been in touch with parents to identify any particular needs you may have, and we are in the process of addressing these issues.

Class tutors have also written individual lockdown learning plans for each child, which will be shared with parents and carers either through Class Dojo, via email or by post. These plans will contain the academic and holistic targets that your child will be working towards

during the lockdown period, along with suggestions for supplementary activities you can complete with your child at home to support their progress towards these targets. Many pupils will also receive home learning packs of resources over the coming days. We ask that you take good care of any resources within the packs and use them for school learning tasks only. Your child's teacher will also be in touch on a regular basis to gather feedback and to assess their progress while they have been working from home.

Rest assured we are following safeguarding procedures to make remote education safe and effective. Therefore, by engaging in our Microsoft Teams face-to-face provision you agree:

- **to ensure you are present while your child is engaging in face-to-face learning**
- **no lessons should be recorded**
- **that appropriate behaviour is expected from pupils and families**

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the importance of your child's engagement in remote education during this period of lockdown, to ensure their continued academic and personal progress. Your child's class teacher and Key Stage leader will regularly be in touch to ensure we are supporting their engagement as much as possible.

Thank you all for your continued support in ensuring your child receives the best possible education during what is a very challenging time for pupils, parents, and schools.

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