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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Students self-isolating and blended learning

We appreciate that this is a worrying time for students who have been asked to self-isolate and that you will be concerned about their schoolwork. We have put in place a clear plan to ensure a continuity of curriculum for students who are working remotely.

Our blended learning provision is online; therefore, if your son/daughter has been asked to self-isolate and they do not have access to the relevant technology, please do contact us so that we can arrange some support which may include the loan of a laptop.

Where staff are teaching students in school, they have set up a Google Classroom for their groups. Materials that are covered in lessons and instructions for that day's work will be posted in those classrooms. Students should already be aware of the codes for their classes; where this is not the case, staff should contact them before the date of their next timetabled lesson to communicate these. It is also a good idea for students to check on Frog for class codes.

We are asking that students keep to their usual school timetable. Staying in a routine is very important for mental wellbeing and will also mean that any live sessions can be facilitated. In the event of partial year group closures, it may be possible for us to collapse certain class groups to free up teaching staff so that live lessons can be streamed in some subjects. If staff are self-isolating at home but not unwell themselves, they will offer at least one session per week of recorded or live materials for students to access.

Students should stay in touch with their class teachers, ideally via their Google Classroom, to keep them informed of any issues they are having with accessing work and also to return completed tasks. Please do bear in mind, however, when contacting individual class teachers that they may be teaching all day but will respond within a reasonable time frame.

We are trying to respond as best we can to this fast-changing situation which is not ideal so please do keep us informed of any issues and, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Cooke (Assistant Headteacher)