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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you following the Prime Minister's televised announcement on Monday, and the subsequent move to remote learning for the majority of students on Tuesday 05 January. Before the last period of school closure, students in Years 7-9 were furnished with an exercise book to complete written work, and exercise books were distributed by teachers of students in Years 10 and 11. The timing of the announcement of this closure has not enabled us to distribute books for this period of remote learning. We will assume your child has access to a notebook or paper at home to complete any written work. I am sure you can appreciate due to the severity of the current situation, we are trying to avoid students, parents, carers and staff attending site unnecessarily, however, if you need us to provide you with an exercise book, please contact our main reception to arrange collection.

As a school within Wellsway Multi Academy Trust, we are currently working with leaders across the Trust to ensure we can include live lessons as part of our remote learning package as soon as we are able to. Please be assured we are working quickly to make this part of our remote learning programme and I will contact you with more information shortly.

Commencing next week, there will also be weekly contact from your child's tutor or a named member of staff to ensure students have regular contact with school. We are also working on developing opportunities for students to meet their tutor groups online for some sessions, to help them stay in touch with each other.

As advised in my previous communication in Term 2, students in Years 7-11 will currently access work by following the link to our Remote Learning Google Platform located on the SBL Student Site: <https://students.sbllearning.org.uk/> A screenshot is included below:



[Remote Learning 2020](#)

If you are self-isolating or otherwise off school then [click here](#) to access your remote learning for all of your subjects

Years 7-9

- In **Years 7-9**, Curriculum Teams have uploaded two week sequences of high quality lessons aligned with the curriculum the students would be studying in school to our Remote Learning platform
- Students should follow their timetabled lessons only, accessing each lesson for each subject when the lesson is timetabled. The lessons are numbered Lesson 1, Lesson 2 etc., dependent on how many lessons are timetabled for each subject over the two week cycle. For example, they would complete Lesson 1 for English on the first day

they are timetabled for English, Lesson 2 the next time they are timetabled for English and so on

- Students will complete and submit a Learning Check during each two week cycle to enable them to receive feedback from all subject teachers for the work they have completed remotely in order to support progress
- Once the two week cycle is completed, the Curriculum Team will upload the next two week sequence of lessons and students will work through the lessons, completing another learning check for each subject and receiving more feedback to help them to make progress

Years 10 and 11

- In **Years 10 and 11** – Class teachers are uploading their own lessons to our Remote Learning Google platform each time there is a timetabled lesson
- Students can also access high quality lessons available from [Oak National Academy](#) or other online resources their teachers have advised them to use for their subject. In addition we also have a membership for all students to utilise the benefits of [GCSE Pod](#)
- Students will complete and submit a Learning Check for each subject during each two week cycle, enabling them to receive feedback from their teacher for the work they have completed remotely in order to support them to continue making progress

Post-16

- Year 12 and 13 will continue to access remote learning through their individual subject Google Classrooms, as this proved to be a successful strategy for post-16 students to work remotely during school closure in the last academic year
- They will also participate in some live timetabled MS Teams lessons

Finally, we have previously conducted an audit to confirm all students can access online learning at home, however, if there is any reason your child is unable to do so, please contact our Parent/Carer IT Helpdesk. Similarly, if you have any difficulties accessing your son/daughter's remote learning over the course of lockdown, please use the link below to give us specific details of the issue. You should also use the link to let us know if you are using mobile devices to access remote learning and you think you are likely to run out of data:

Parent/carers IT helpdesk: <https://students.sbllearning.org.uk/helpdesk>

If you are unable to do this, please call the school directly on 0117 456 5900. We will do whatever we can to promptly resolve any issues that arise.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any aspect of remote learning in more detail.

Yours faithfully

Ms K Deady
Vice Principal