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Dear Parents/Guardians

### Re: Remote Learning Plan

On Monday I sent you a “**what if**” Covid information sheet. I am now sharing the remote learning plan, which will enable every student to access school work if they are isolating.

The Government has asked schools to have a 4-tier plan.

Tier 1 - There is no change to the opening of the Academy for students, however, some students will isolate due to track and trace or they/family members are displaying symptoms.

Tier 2 – The Academy would move to a rota-model with students attending on a two-week cycle; two weeks in school and two weeks learning via our remote learning provision. Students deemed as vulnerable or with parents classified as key workers would attend full time.

Tier 3 – The Academy would be open for year groups identified by the Government. All other year groups would continue with their learning via our remote learning provision. Students deemed as vulnerable or with parents classified as key workers would attend full time.

Tier 4 – The Academy would be open only for students deemed as vulnerable or with parents classified as key workers. All other students would continue their learning via our remote learning provision at home.

In all cases above, staff will set work and upload resources to **Google Classroom**; I have attached a sheet with the codes for all subjects. I have also attached links to show how to use Google Classroom – Year 7 students will be shown how to use Google Classroom in their Computer Science/ICT lessons next week. If a year group has to self-isolate for a period of time, work will also be set via Classcharts and will include the link to the work in Google Classroom.

## **Contact from The Academy**

For Tier 1, attendance procedures will remain as normal, with parents contacting the school. However, for Tiers 2-4, the Academy will ensure that every student is phoned every two weeks by their tutor. In addition to this, any students with a CP plan will be phoned twice a week by the Safeguarding Team and students who are CIN or CLA will be phoned every week by the pastoral team.

### **Will I still be able to contact my child's teacher?**

If your child's year is isolated, your child's teacher will be contactable using Google Classroom. Your child's teacher will aim to get back to you within two days.

### **What do I do if my child gets stuck?**

Remote learning will sometimes be challenging, especially if children are learning something new. If your child is getting repeatedly stuck or getting frustrated or upset, please stop and contact your child's teacher via Google Classroom who will suggest ways for you to help, an alternative activity to develop understanding, or talk to your child about their learning. Praise your child for trying and reassure them that their teacher will be able to help them either while they are at home, or when they get back to school.

### **What do I do if I need other support while my child is at home?**

Please contact the Academy via the school office via 01803 403003 [brdadmin@paigntonacademy.org](mailto:brdadmin@paigntonacademy.org) (Borough Road) or 01803 403005 [wrdadmin@paigntonacademy.org](mailto:wrdadmin@paigntonacademy.org) (Waterleat Road)– we have a variety of resources available.

### **My child has free school meals. How will I get these if my child is at home?**

If a whole school year has to isolate, our school meal provider will provide your child's food for the week, for you to collect. Unfortunately, there is no provision for meals if the rest of your child's year is still attending school. If you have difficulties providing food for your child, please contact the House team who may be able to complete a food bank referral for you.

We hope this information helps to answer many of the questions you may have at this time. We will continue to keep you updated with any changes as we move through the term.

The link below helps with google classroom codes, PSHE/PE timetables and email addresses

<https://www.paigntonacademy.org/student-life-paignton-academy/>

The link below shows how parents and students can use Google Classroom

<https://youtu.be/88idNZxeZbo>

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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