



12th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

We once again find ourselves in a national lockdown and many of you will be supporting and teaching your children and young people at home. Based on the last lockdown, in the Spring and Summer of 2020, we have to commend and applaud our families for the outstanding effort made to ensure pupils were engaged in learning. We appreciate fully it is a task that requires will and commitment.

Recently, the Department for Education guidance has stipulated that all pupils not in school should be engaged in a programme of Remote Education. We will continue to provide online learning for all pupils and have further extended and developed our online learning provision to ensure that all pupils have access to high quality remote learning.

The Chiltern School guidance for Remote Education has been updated and amended to reflect our enhanced provision and we attach the guidance and request that you read it carefully. We would like to draw your attention to these additions and amendments;

- The Department of Education Guidance has stated that provision of Remote Education is mandatory for all state funded schools (pg 2).
- All learners will access the online learning within Remote Education via Google Classroom (pg 2). Previously some learners accessed learning via Class Dojo. Class Dojo will remain as the app used by parents to communicate with teachers, but work will be set via Google Classroom. Parents and carers will be sent log in information and a video link is attached to the document. In addition, we have created a visual guide on how to access Google Classroom which we will also forward.
- All pupils will be able to access at least two live lessons each day (pg 4). This means pupils can see a live lesson being delivered by a teacher, linked to pupil outcomes and curriculum areas. The expectation is that pupils are present (virtually) for the lessons they have been assigned to attend. Teachers will share timetables and other information ahead of time. Teachers will notify through our attendance system if a pupil is not present. Attendance for live lessons will be directed by the timetable, other subjects where the learning is shared via Google Classroom can be done when is most convenient for families.
- Teachers will be monitoring and tracking progress within the Evidence for Learning Platform (pg4). Therefore, all feedback from learning will be assessed against personal learning outcomes, goals and curriculum intentions. This allows teachers to be able to report on progress made through remote learning.
- Parents will have access to Guardian Access, which is a feature within Google Classroom that allows parents to have a summary of the learning that has taken part that week (pg 5).

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We aim to start live lessons from Monday 18th January and teachers will provide you with the relevant information. If you have any questions related to the use of Google Classroom please email googleclassroomsupport@chiltern.beds.sch.uk

Please can we also request that you carefully read through the recommendations related to online safety and ensure that pupils are suitably supervised.

Kind Regards,
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