



15 January 2021

Dear Parent

I hope you and your family have had a good week. Here are some messages for the week ahead and a summary of key points with regards to remote learning.

S1-3 Tracking Reports

Over the next few weeks, parents of S1-3 pupils will receive tracking reports of pupil progress from October to December. Going forward, staff will be in touch where they have significant concerns about progress in January and February.

Accessing Remote Learning

Parents are being asked to support their child to access remote learning. This is no easy ask and parents should devise their own schedule which suits their family circumstances. We will upload work on a Monday to be completed the following week and have issued a timetable of when staff are available online to support students.

Where there are difficulties in the family and your youngster is unable to complete tasks, please continue to notify the school. Remote learning cannot be a direct replacement of what happens in school. We appreciate your understanding that we are doing the best we can to continue provision during these times.

Live Learning and Video Conferencing

A few parents have contacted us to discuss the provision of video conferencing or what is being referred to as 'live lessons'. Please note that we are at an early stage and while a few departments are trialling this methodology, there is no local or national government expectation that this must happen. In fact, advice is to not overly use screen time and parents are encouraged to balance time on screen with other activities. Please note that staff are using their time, skills and resources as best we can and trialling new methodologies takes time and effort to develop.

Communication to Pupils

Please encourage your child to check the Team 'MHS Pupil Info' on GLOW. Last week, very few pupils accessed the briefings. Additionally, please support the checking of glow email as some staff have been in touch with a few students and are still awaiting a reply. A reminder that pupils can email staff directly from their GLOW account.

Legal Considerations

A reminder that we are all bound by legalities so I wish to reiterate messages issued last week that all matters on GLOW are treated as part of the school with expectations that conduct matches that required in school. No materials posted on Glow including live video conference lessons or any other item can be copied, shared, re-distributed, streamed or inappropriately stored. This is to comply with both copyright and GDPR legislation. We thank you for your ongoing attention to this very important consideration.

We appreciate that as a result of conversations or posts on social media, parents can feel that others are managing better than them or that their child is further ahead. Don't compare your unique position to others and avoid feeling pressured. Gaps can be filled on return to school and we will identify those who have not been able to engage for whatever reason for additional support although we recognise that all pupils will require some level of support on return to school.

We hope that this will be very soon and I will keep you posted when we hear anything about this.

We are grateful for all your efforts and support. I recently read a post that stated "we might not all be in the same boat; but we are facing the same storm." Together, we will get through this. Any questions or issues, please do not hesitate to call or email the school office and we will endeavour to help.

Stay safe

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs T Cameron', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mrs T Cameron
Head Teacher