

Dear Parents / Carers

New arrangements

In light of last night's announcement all students will now receive online work until further notice. We have been working on our remote teaching skills and techniques, so we hope to make the whole experience far more interactive and engaging for everyone. However, as I have said before, we are not fully there yet, so there will be some variation in what work is set. Some lessons will be taught live on Teams, whilst others will have recorded teacher explanation and instruction, and some lessons will be based around work set to be done independently. But, the crucial feature of what we aim to provide is that it will be far more varied and will involve more contact with teachers.

Technology is an issue - we understand that most households have a finite amount of equipment available to use, and often this is between more than one child. Please get in touch if you are challenged in this way; we have already lent out all of our available laptops, but are working hard to provide more.

Stick to their timetable please

We want your children to stick to their timetable, and to expect to do the work delivered during their lesson times, as if they were at school. So, please get them to look at their planners and to stick to their timetable. Work will be set on Teams. I attached a guide previously but have done so again for your information and assistance. We have already had a few queries about the use of Teams, and it not working, but please be assured it does so please ask your children to spend time trying to problem solve things themselves, and to maybe ask their friends for help, before contacting us for help.

Children of Critical Workers

Can I remind you that the school is open for the children of critical workers, but only if them being at home means you will not be able to go to work. If you think you want your child to come in please contact us with your circumstances. We understand that although the vast majority of secondary school aged pupils can be at home alone, some of them are not confident about this and will need to be in school. The group at school will be supervised whilst they do their work in the same way they would at home. Transport will need to be arranged if your child normally travels to school on a bus, so it is vital that you do not just send your children in without agreeing it with us first.

Lateral Flow testing

You know we are in the process of setting up a testing facility, and thank you to those of you who have already volunteered. We still aim to do this, and will send you more information about it soon. Please be reassured there is nothing compulsory about this; only those who

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consent to having the tests done will have them done. I will email you all again outlining more detail over the next week, in preparation for when pupils return to school.

As always, please get in touch if you have any queries. Reception will be functioning as usual so please ring or email us on office@reephamhigh.com if you need to.

Regards

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