

For whole year group bubbles isolating

If your child is off school because their year group bubble is isolating they will receive a mixture of live teaching via MS Teams and independent work to complete and submit on Teams.

We will continue to follow the normal school timetable. At the beginning of each lesson your child's teacher will video call the whole class on MS Teams from the classroom. We have purchased webcams for them to be able to do this. This call may take around 10-15 minutes but might last longer. The call will introduce the intended learning outcomes for today, introduce and explain new knowledge or concepts and provide clarifications on errors from previous lessons. The teacher will then explain the independent learning tasks available on Teams and then end the video call. For the next part of the lesson your child will work independently on work set by the teacher before submitting it at the end of the lesson for the teacher to check. At the end of the lesson your child's teacher will then complete another video call to assess learning and address any questions.

What should you expect of your child's teachers?

- They should conduct a video call at the beginning and end of every lesson lasting around 10-15 minutes.
- They should set independent work which should take the remainder of the lesson to complete.
- They should be available to support your child for the entirety of the lesson via Teams.
- If it is a 'homework day' for that subject then homework should be set too.
- Your child's form tutor will also conduct a Teams call every day during form time.
- They should provide as a minimum verbal feedback to your child's class on the work completed and written feedback where they feel appropriate.
- If your child's teacher is absent, the Head of Department will make plans for the class clear on Teams Chat. This might involve a live Teams video call with another subject teacher if one is available.
- If students fail to complete the work set, teachers will log the work missed. This work will then be set as additional homework when students return and the usual detention systems will be applied if your child continues to not complete the work.

What do we expect of your child?

- They should log into Microsoft Teams and join the Team's call every day at the required time.
- They should conduct themselves on the Teams call in an appropriate manner, in line with the school's live meeting guidelines (see the school website).
- They should engage in the live teaching, rather than being passive.
- They should complete the independent work and homework to the very best of their ability.
- They should submit the independent work at the end of the lesson.
- If they are ill whilst isolating and cannot complete the work set, they should catch up on this work once they are feeling better.

How can you best support your child?

- Please provide them with a quiet place to complete their work, free from distractions.
- Please discuss the expectations of appropriate behaviour as outlined in the school's live meeting guidelines (see the school website).
- Please support the school if we decide we have to withdraw your child from the live video aspect because of any poor behaviour.
- Please ensure your child is online at the required time, and does not keep their teacher or peers waiting. The first lesson of the day begins at 8.50am.
- Please inform the school if your child becomes too ill to participate in lessons or independent work.