



# BYRCHALL

## HIGH SCHOOL

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued co-operation and working with the school to continue to provide a broad and balanced education during these uncertain times.

This letter outlines the school plan for remote learning if the need arises for pupils to learn at home. Hopefully, this will not occur but it is vital that we prepare for whatever situation arises in the coming months.

### **When pupils are individually self-isolating – Parents / Guardians Inform School**

Where a pupil is required to individually self-isolate due to coming into contact with a confirmed case outside of school they will be provided with carefully planned work packs which mirror the subject content that is planned in school. These work packs can be sent via EduLink or via the post upon request. These options will be made available to you via our Attendance team upon receiving notification of a Covid related absence. In this circumstance your child is expected to follow their normal school timetable and access the work packs liaising with their subject teacher via email for any support that is required. Please be aware that teachers will not be available to reply to any requests immediately but will do so in a timely manner.

### **During School Closure and where students are sent home from school to self-isolate**

In addition to any school closures which may be enforced nationally or locally this covers a number of scenarios where school makes contact with yourselves to inform you that your child is required to self-isolate as part of an identified bubble (including class or year group). In all cases you will be contacted immediately via EduLink outlining the nature of the closure or period for self-isolation and the plan for remote learning for that period.

Your child has received information from their form tutor during this term to outline how this will work practically. All lessons will be delivered via Microsoft Teams and for short-term closures pupils will be required to follow their **normal school timetable** and logon to the invitations they will receive through their class Teams account. Your child will receive an invite to lessons via their school email. Pupils can then access the lesson via this link. On some occasions during short periods of self-isolation directed by the school, students in Year 7 and 8 may be required to access an alternative timetable and join an alternative class. In all cases all students will continue to receive their full curriculum entitlement.

It is important that pupils remain engaged in their learning, even when they are not attending the school site. Where the school is providing online teaching to pupils we expect pupils to attend these sessions to ensure they do not miss out on vital education.

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For GDPR purposes please be aware that all video lessons will be recorded so there is a footprint of the lesson. These will only be used for safeguarding and review purposes. Please let us know if you do not agree to us collecting and processing your data in this way.

Please visit our website to access user guides and parent FAQs for further details on how this will work practically.

To ensure pupils continue to receive a high quality education the school will monitor pupils' attendance and their engagement with remote learning. If a pupil is unable to engage in remote learning, then parents should contact the school and alternatives will be provided.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support should we need to provide remote education for your child. We recognise that each family's circumstances and their access to learning material for their children differs and the responsibility to provide educational support at home can be difficult. If, for any reason, you or your child experience difficulties with any of the remote learning arrangements please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of year who will be able to help.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr P Paul  
Deputy Headteacher