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Heads of Northgate High School, Dereham Sixth Form College and DESA: Mrs Z Galley and Dr D Hone

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following last night's 8pm government announcement, we are writing to you again to clarify how learning will work over the next half term. Whilst our policy and plans for a two-week lockdown were robust, clearly a different approach is required for half a term's learning.

Please note that critical worker/vulnerable pupils will follow **exactly the same remote curriculum**. The only difference is that they will be doing it in a Computing classroom in school. These rooms will be fully ventilated to protect staff and pupils so will be cold - extra layers are advisable and can be worn over their uniform. A packed lunch should be provided. All free school meals pupils will be sent vouchers for the period of lockdown.

- 1) **There will be three pastoral sessions as week.** These will be in 'PART' (tutor time) which is 9.45-10.05am and will be compulsory for all students. Monday's assembly will be delivered by the Head of Year; Wednesday's by a member of the Senior Leadership Team and Friday will be tutor time. The links will be sent through Satchel One. These sessions will be compulsory.
- 2) **Learning will be delivered lesson by lesson in Satchel One. Students should follow their usual timetable.** Lessons will be differentiated and TA support given to those who usually have access to it. If your son/ daughter is confused about a task they should email their class teachers as usual. The teacher will be available to support and answer queries.
- 3) From Monday 11th January **the last 15 minutes of each lesson** the staff member will go 'live' via a Google Meet link provided on Satchel One. During this time teachers will address an element of the learning cycle (explain/model/scaffold/practise/feedback and assessment) and go through individual questions and any issues/misconceptions which arise. This will allow the teacher to check on the engagement of the pupils and that the work completed to the appropriate standard in the preceding 45 minutes and also give a chance to summarise the learning and/or give guidance on the following lesson.
- 4) In addition to verbal/email feedback, work will be submitted, marked and returned electronically as part of our usual feedback and assessment policy via Satchel One. Homework will also be set as per the usual policy.
- 5) A full student and parent guide to learning and outlining protocol during this period will be sent tomorrow.



- 6) Students are expected to access their usual timetable. They cannot pick and choose what they do when. If a student does **not** log in to their interactive session they will be contacted to find out why. If a student is ill the school/college should be informed as per the usual policy.

Finally, thank you, as ever, for your patience.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Yours faithfully,

Handwritten signatures of Mrs Z Galley and Dr D Hone.

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