

15 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that this finds you and your families well. As we come to the end of our second week of remote learning we wanted to specifically thank you as parents and carers. Our students have been engaged, positive and learning – all of which would not be possible without parental guidance and support. We fully appreciate that these times are challenging but we are incredibly grateful that you have continued to support our remote learning provision.

We would like to provide some updates/further information on some operational aspects.

Remote Learning

Our Staff Inset this week focused on Remote Learning. Through this meeting we reviewed what has been put in place so far and how we can build upon our provision. We would welcome feedback from our students and will be sending out a questionnaire for them to complete. We would ask that students are encouraged to complete this so that we can make our provision as effective as possible.

The remote learning provision is a combination of live lessons, recorded presentations and/or relevant tasks. Staff are not expected to be delivering full, one hour, live lessons. We would politely request that parents do not attend lessons or actively take part. If there are any concerns with the lessons please email the member of staff directly.

Earlier in the week we sent out student guidelines for remote learning and hope that your daughter received these. We are encouraging students to use their cameras to contribute to the on-line learning classroom environment however we do understand that some students may not feel comfortable doing this. If your daughter would prefer not to use her camera please liaise with her Year Leader so that the information can be shared with her teaching staff.

When emailing staff please do not expect a response outside of the normal working day. We would ask that you share this with your daughter and ask that emails to staff are only sent if necessary.

Please remind your daughter that they should not be attending any lessons that they are not directly invited to. Unfortunately there have been a small number of occasions where students have deliberately accessed an online lesson that is not on their timetable in order to disrupt it. We will be following up with sanctions for any incidents of poor behaviour.

We continue to monitor and track all attendance. If your daughter is not able to attend lessons or is absent please inform the school before 9.00.

Key worker/vulnerable provision

We have received very positive feedback on our provision for key worker/vulnerable students. We continue to receive daily requests to attend these sessions. Our priority for this provision is for children of key workers/vulnerable and we ask that you do not request to attend unless you or your daughter falls into this category. Students in school are following the same remote learning provision as those who are at home.

Testing

We continue to use our Mass Testing provision which was set up for the beginning of term. If your daughter attends our key worker/vulnerable provision we request that she takes a weekly test. We have attached a letter from RBWM regarding testing.

Events

We are currently looking at our Sixth Form Options process and providing Year 11 students with the appropriate guidance on next steps. The WLP Taster Day was currently scheduled for Thursday 21 January. Due to the current circumstances we have had to postpone this event and will confirm a date next week. If your daughter has not yet applied for our Sixth Form please contact reedm001@windsorgirls.net who will be able to provide you with further information.

Our Year 9 Options process also begins this term with the evening currently scheduled for Thursday 4 February. We have rescheduled this event to be a virtual evening which will take place on Thursday 11 February. Further details will be provided nearer the time.

Finally we wish you a restful weekend and hope that you and your families can take a break from screens, rest and recharge ready for next week.

Kind regards

Mr P Griffiths and Mrs E O'Carroll
Co-Headteachers