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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to thank you for your continued support during this period of remote learning. We have been very pleased with the attendance of pupils in our live lessons, and feedback from pupils and families has been overwhelmingly positive.

In response to a few queries from parents, I would like to take this opportunity to address some of the questions around how and when to access the live lessons, and how best to support your child with their learning.

Pupils should log in to Google Classroom each morning. Their lessons for the day will follow their normal timetable and the teacher will post the link to the live lesson and the lesson details shortly before the lesson is due to begin.

If a child cannot see the lesson details in advance, it does not follow that they do not have a live lesson to attend, so it is always worth checking in at the scheduled lesson time.

In order to take full advantage of live lessons, we encourage you to ensure that your child is logged on and monitoring his/her Google Classroom, and joining lessons as they are posted.

Live lessons may not always be appropriate, depending upon the curriculum and the sequencing of lessons. Teachers may therefore choose to produce a screencast, or to set tasks for your child to complete independently; these are likely to be creative or written tasks. Work will always be posted on the classroom.

Once again, I thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries, then please do contact your child's Head of Year.

Kind regards



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Online resources (list not exhaustive)

	Description	Suitable for
Oak National Academy	A government-backed resource. Pupils should visit the ONA online classroom to access lessons. Pupils can search for lessons by subject and year group which complement the curriculum sequence being offered at school. www.thenational.academy	KS3 KS4
Google Classroom	An online platform whereby teachers can post homework/lesson content. Pupils are invited to join the classroom by the teacher. https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/?hl=en#topic=6020277	KS3 KS4
GCSEPod	Over 6,000 'pods' available which are subject- related short videos. Pupils should engage with the 'pods' to supplement their learning and revision. (Parents can support their child by visiting www.gcsepod.com/parents) www.gcsepod.com	KS3 KS4
Seneca Learning	A revision tool whereby pupils can extend and test their knowledge www.senecalearning.com	KS3 KS4
BBC Bitesize	A well-established, resource-rich site with learning activities for all subjects www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize	KS3 KS4
Hegarty Maths	A well-established online tool that develops and assesses pupils' mathematical skills www.hegartymaths.com	KS3 KS4
Free online Science lessons	A series of Science lessons, primarily aimed at GCSE pupils www.youtube.com/freesciencelessons	KS4
Greenshaw Learning Trust	An online curriculum offering a wide range of video lessons and quizzes for Years 7 to 10 in English, Maths, Science Humanities, French, PE and Religious studies. The lesson resources have been written and produced by the GLT and are available for all schools to use for free. https://www.greenshawlearningtrust.co.uk/virtual-curriculum	KS3 KS4