



Whitburn Church of England Academy

An Academy with Specialist Status in Maths and Computing

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Year 10 students – Remote learning support

Dear Parent/Carer

All Year 10 students have access to their subject resources and teachers via TEAMS. Subject staff will be delivering lessons via TEAMS from 9am tomorrow (Tuesday 24th November), from their normal teaching rooms. All Year 10 students will continue to follow their normal timetable – at the normal lesson times. Class teachers will be able to see who is 'on-line' and will be taking class registers, as they would if the student were in school. Students will be able to 'chat' to the teacher in real time and will be able to ask any questions they may have about the lesson as it progresses. Students should make any notes in their class books (if they have them at home) or on paper to bring back to school on **Monday 7th December 2020**.

Student's attendance will continue to be monitored. It is an expectation that all Year 10 students 'attend' the remote lessons. If your child is poorly, you should ring the academy in the normal way to alert us that they will not be 'active' in the remote lesson. It is essential that students adhere to the daily routines of a normal school day and remotely attend all sessions on time.

IT devices/access to TEAMS

If your child does not have a device at home through which they can access TEAMS and/or are struggling to get onto TEAMS please contact the academy as soon as possible.

Further Information

We appreciate that you may find this news concerning, but please be assured we have taken steps to act quickly to reduce further risk of cross transmission within the academy and we are working closely with Public Health England to monitor the situation. We are also mindful of the impact of this on learning which is why we are taking steps to ensure that, as far as possible, this will continue as close to normal as is possible.

I would like to kindly ask all parents, carers and family members to avoid discussing this case on social media or via WhatsApp groups as this can often create misinformation and increase anxiety unnecessarily. Please be assured that we will always contact parents and carers directly as and when needed.

It is extremely regrettable we have been required to take this action, but we do so on the guidance of Public Health and with the safety and well-being of our school community as our utmost priority.

Yours faithfully

J E Crowe
Principal

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