

Dear parents and carers,

On the 30th December 2020, announcements were made by Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education and Boris Johnson, Prime Minister, about changes to arrangements for students' return to school in January 2021.

School will **NOW be closed** for students in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 from **Monday 4**th to **Friday 15**th **January 2021**.

From the 4th to the 15th, students in these year groups will be working from home on their school work. They will be working at home for two weeks rather than one.

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will return to school on **Monday 18th January** and must be in school **on time by 8.30am.**

Live lessons on Microsoft teams will begin on Tuesday 5th January.

Monday 4th January will be a catch up and preparation day for students to work independently, preparing themselves for learning and a successful 2021.

While students are working at home, they should get up at the normal time and **follow these instructions...**

Activities for students to complete independently on **Monday 4th January**:

- organise workspace and materials, study guides, paper, pens etc.
- catch up on any homework that should have been completed at the end of term or over the holidays
- check Microsoft class teams for any assignments that should have been completed which students may not have done
- check they are up to date on Hegarty/Bedrock/Educake/Memrise/Active Learn, if they are using these for their subjects
 - o https://hegartymaths.com/login/learner
 - https://app.bedrocklearning.org/
 - o https://www.educake.co.uk/forstudents
 - o https://app.memrise.com/signin
 - https://www.pearsonactivelearn.com/app/Home
- use checklists from last half term, HT2, to catch up on any topics missed through absence, or topics they are less sure about (students could use their study guides for English, Maths and Science to help them with this)
- check their doddle account https://www.doddlelearn.co.uk/app/login
 to see where they are green, amber and red this will help them to think about what topics they need to focus on and help them to choose topics to revise during the day and during half term 3, HT3
- use their study guides for English, Maths and Science to complete any revision teachers have set them or to revise topics covered last half term
- if they have more time, they can check out resources on the following sites that can help with learning in all subjects

- o https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
- https://classroom.thenational.academy/

From the **5th January** teachers will be delivering live lessons on Microsoft teams and these are the related instructions for students:

If you have got a digital device (lap top, computer, tablet, ipad), follow your normal school timetable each day.

- Your teachers will email you invitations to teams meetings for each lesson.
- Click on the link in the email from the teacher at the time of your lesson to join the meeting, or go to your class team for that subject to join the meeting.
- You will be able to hear the teacher talking, see the screen in the classroom and chat with your teacher and the others in your class via the chat on teams.

Teachers may let you use your **audio to ask questions** and **speak**, if you have a mic.

If your teacher is ill or there is a technical problem, use your checklists, for that subject. Start from beginning of the HT3 checklist (Half Term 3 checklist).

Find your checklists for all your subjects on frog:

https://frog.wrhs1118.co.uk/app/os



Check your email regularly for invitations to meetings on teams and updates.

Use the **power point about learning from home** to help you, if you are unsure how to get onto teams and for **more advice about online learning**.

If you do NOT have a digital device (lap top, computer, tablet, ipad), contact school on 4th January and we will see if we can lend you a device.

If we cannot lend you a device, use your paper checklists for English, Maths and Science and your study guides for these subjects.

If you do not have your paper checklists for Half Term 3, we will arrange for you to come to school to your checklists for English, Maths and Science after the holiday.

Start from first topic for Half Term 3, and complete the work on the checklist.

When you have done this, you should go back through your paper checklists for Half Term 2 for English, Maths and Science and check you have completed all the work for last half term. Make sure you are all up to date.

If you have a reading book at home, **read** each day too.

After that, if you still have more time, you could revise some of work you have done this year, for English, Maths and Science.

Revising work you have already done is a really great way to remember it!



If students do have any problems with their work and are not sure what to do, they should **email** their class teacher or send them a message on Teams.

If students continue to have problems, please email:

Year 7

Miss Culkin-Smith, Mr Mustafa, Mr Mycock or me, Mrs J Barnes.

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Year 9

Miss Oliver, Mrs MacKenzie or me, Mrs J Barnes.

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Wishing you all the best for 2021. Take care and stay safe.

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