

Tuesday 6th October 2020

Our Ref: SST/HBr

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Remote Learning

I am writing to remind you of The Duston School's remote learning plans for the current academic year. As a school we have built an extensive suite of online learning resources, materials, videos and tasks for our pupils to engage with should they be ill, self-isolating or should we face a local or a national lockdown that results in the government instructing schools to close again. It is our responsibility as a school to continue to teach your child remotely and it is your child's responsibility to engage with the school.

If any family has any issues with accessibility to the internet or technology can you please notify either your child's Primary Phase class teacher or, for the Secondary Phase, your child's tutor. It is of vital importance that your household has an electronic device and internet access that your son/daughter can access.

We have now trained all of our pupils in the use of Microsoft Teams. As a school we have elected to use this platform to remotely teach our pupils from. During the current state of play, where the school is open but we have some pupil absences, we will be updating the Teams area on a weekly basis with work for our pupils to complete should they be ill or self-isolating. We have also pieced together a number of areas on our website with remote learning resources and outlines, which can be found as follows:

- Primary Phase, can be found [here](#)
- Secondary Phase, can be found [here](#)
- Student home learning video guide to Microsoft Teams can be found [here](#)

I hope this gives you a feel for the remote learning approach that we are electing to take as a school.

Yours faithfully,
Mr Strickland
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