



6th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carer

REMOTE LEARNING UPDATE

I write to you on the Feast of the Epiphany, usually a time for celebration, please do log onto the online Mass at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qq6JccWZKN8&feature=youtu.be>

Following the Prime Minister's announcement of a full national lockdown, I write to confirm that all year groups will now be receiving remote teaching until Friday 19th February 2021, unless directed otherwise by the Government.

The school remains open to the children of key workers and vulnerable students, please email enquiries@cardinalpole.co.uk should you require a place for your child. Your email should include your child's name and form, your name, your contact number and the reason for requesting the place i.e. vulnerable child or providing details of your key worker role. The school will provide education for your child from 9am-2.30pm each day. Unfortunately there will be no provision for lunch, your child should therefore bring a packed lunch with them. To quote Gavin Williamson, Education Secretary, "our gates remain open", and we will return to on site education for all as soon as possible.

For all other year groups, the remote learning programme will run as follows:-

Years 7-9

Your child should access Show My Homework and follow the weekly work plan (on the school website), as well as using their CGP booklets provided to them last term.

Year 10

Your child should access Show My Homework and follow the weekly work plan (on the school website), as well as using their CGP booklets provided to them last term. From next week, your child will also receive online teaching, further details to follow.

Years 11, 12 & 13

Your child will receive online teaching with their class which will include live lessons using Microsoft Teams and Loom lessons. You will have noted that the Government has reported that examinations will now not take place in the summer of 2021. As soon as we receive further information on what will replace these examinations, I will be in contact. For now, we are aware that teachers will be involved in assessing performance using class work, homework, coursework and other evidence including work being produced under the present lockdown.

Year 12 January Vocational Examinations

Clarity will be provided on these shortly, once we have received further guidance from the Exam Boards. Schools have been advised that they will be able to decide for their own centre.

In addition to all of the above, Form Tutors will record a message for your child on a weekly basis which they are expected to log onto during their normal assembly time and listen to. This will be uploaded onto Show My Homework.

Please ensure that your child logs on every day by 9am, there will be calls home made to those students who are not engaging with our Virtual School provision. If your child does not log on, they will be directed to attend school.

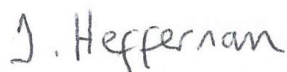
If you or your child has difficulty accessing our Virtual School, please contact the school's IT Department on ext. 2143 for assistance, whether this relates to logins or hardware issues.

Free School Meal Provision

The school are still awaiting news on the provision of Free School Meal vouchers throughout this period. I will update you further when we have confirmation from the DfE. In the interim, if you are in need of support, please contact **Andrea Leahy** on 020 8985 5150 for further information.

The school remains operational, if you are concerned, or have any questions, please do contact us.

Yours sincerely



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HEADTEACHER