



BLACKMINSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback on our remote learning offer over the last few weeks. As a school we are always ready to listen and to work with students and parents to improve what we do. Following on from feedback and from the success of live tutor times, we are going to offer some more live sessions next week. We'd very much appreciate any comments you may have on these so that we can finalise plans for after half term. Please email me on lmcquone@blackminster.worcs.sch.uk or use the "contact us" form on our website.

I'm enclosing the timetable for next week's sessions, and also a safe use agreement that I'd be grateful if parents and carers would read. I should also remind you that staff will still be available to answer queries and provide feedback to students, either via Show My Homework or email, although this may take a little longer than usual if they are teaching online.

We continue to offer places in school to the children of key workers and those children classed as "vulnerable" according to the government's definition. These places are purely to provide childcare so that parents can work - they are not "school" as such and are strictly limited due to the need to reduce contacts between students and staff in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19. We are pleased and proud to offer this service for our key workers, and will continue to do so for as long as necessary, but I do need to state very clearly that the safest place for children is at home until the risk to communities from this virus has abated. Everyone here at Blackminster hopes that this will be very soon - we miss our students and we are looking forward to welcoming them back as soon as we can do so safely.

With very best wishes,

Linda McQuone
Acting Headteacher

