



BLACKMINSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find attached the timetable for students undertaking remote learning starting Monday 18th October. All students will receive meeting invites for lessons via Microsoft Teams. A 'how to' video is attached for how to access these meetings. They will appear in students' inboxes and in Outlook calendars. Reminder for accessing outlook is: USERNAME@Blackminster.worcs.sch.uk Password is on student lanyards (6 digits). SMHK tasks will appear on SMHK in the usual way homework is set. A short video for SMHK is also attached. Due to staff illness, some live lessons might be cancelled at the last minute. Texts will go out as soon as we are able to do so.

Parents of children in 6CB/RA who have Mrs Cridland for English, maths or spelling: Your child will be added to all Teams meetings with their class except for English and maths. These sessions will be done on different days and appears on the attached timetable. Mrs. Cridland is still in school teaching the rest of your child's group so will be unable to respond to SMHK questions promptly, but will aim to do so as quickly as she can. All work set on SMHK for your child will come from Mrs Cridland to ensure they do not fall behind the topics being covered in school. Any queries please email her on CCridland@blackminster.worcs.sch.uk or via SMHK.

All pupils, who are not ill, will be expected to participate in all live lessons and complete all SMHK work. If your child is unwell, please contact the office as you would on a normal school day. The staff will then be made aware that your child will not be joining or completing work that day. Staff will expect all work submitted daily for the tasks/lessons set. Those not doing so, will be followed up by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Students who have multiple missing tasks (who have not been unwell) will be expected to complete work on their return to school during their own time.

Staff are working hard to ensure this situation does not mean your child will fall behind or have gaps in their learning. Please can we ask for your support in this matter and encourage your child to keep to their usual daily routine as much as possible? Try to encourage them to wake at a similar time to normal then dress and eat breakfast before starting their day.

We really hoped this situation would not arise. But, please know we are working hard to ensure children are supported in their learning as much as possible. Any concerns or questions regarding remote learning please contact me via CBaldwin@blackminster.worcs.sch.uk Unfortunately, some parent emails go into quarantine and staff are not able to access them for 24 hours. If you do not hear from us with 48 hours, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Baldwin

Temporary Assistant Headteacher

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