



Wednesday 3rd February 2021

Dear All

We have been informed by parents that a student has tested positive for Covid, but that this student contracted the virus at home and has not attended school whilst presenting with any symptoms. This means that there is no cause for students to stay at home who have currently been attending school during lockdown.

This is a good time to remind all parents and carers of the protocols:

- If a student exhibits symptoms, he/she must stay at home, order a test and remain isolated for 10 days

Here is a reminder of the symptoms:

- *A new persistent cough*
- *A raised temperature*
- *A sudden loss of taste and/or smell*

Students attending school continue to receive a Lateral Flow Test on their first attending each week. All tests for all students and all staff have been negative to date.

How we have adapted to Parent, carer and student feedback for Remote Learning:

All teachers will make sure that:

- Lessons will be as timetabled (Please let [Nic Willcox](#) know if you would like a copy of your child's timetable)
- Links to Google meet included in Google classroom assignment details, titled with the date of the lesson
- Date work is scheduled.
- Date work is due to be handed in.
- Put work in Google classroom in good time.

Google Classroom & Google Meet - a reminder

Google Classroom is not just the perfect place to set work, provide written feedback and to communicate with students, it is also linked to Google Meet - this allows us to perform virtual live lessons, if we need to. To do this, there are a number of key guidelines that we will assume you agree to, unless you tell us otherwise:

- If video is used, only the student or parent will be visible in the view
- If video is used, there needs to be a blank wall behind that is in view



- Work will need to be completed and returned, as instructed in the Classroom communication - as always, teachers will be available to contact by email
- Students are not permitted to take screenshots or to record the screen when Google Meet is in use
- Google Meets will be live for the first 10 minutes and last 10 minutes of every lesson. This enables staff and students to set the scene, explain the work set and its learning objectives and also allows for online support for those who will benefit from it.
- Work must actually be submitted by “Hand in” function, unless it includes completion of other tasks, such as Quizziz, Seneca, Nearpod etc. Without being correctly submitted, teachers are unable to provide feedback and support on students’ individual work.

Progress review discussion with parents & carers for Year 13

Year 13 parent/carers virtual meetings will be taking place over the week beginning Monday 22nd February. An email with a link to schoolcloud will be sent the week prior to this for parents/carers to make appointments.

For Year 10 and 11 students:

There will be two data collections this term where all teachers provide a judgement grade of 1 to 4 on the work students are submitting using the grades outlined below:

- **1. Excellent** - All or almost all work is completed and submitted online; good attendance at lessons; meeting or exceeding our high expectations.
- **2. Good** - Work is attempted and submitted; lessons are attended; meeting our high expectations.
- **3. Requires Improvement** - Some work is completed and submitted; lessons are attended irregularly; not meeting our high expectations.
- **4. Inadequate** - No or little work completed or submitted; not meeting basic expectations.

Data Collection Window 2: 05/02/21 Year 10; 09/02/21 Year 11

Year 10 Physical Fitness Mendip Studio School kit

The kit is finally now ready to be ordered! Please follow the link below to the order form. Sizes can be gained from the attached document.

[Order your MSS PE kit here!](#)

Please do follow us on Facebook under “The Mendip Studio School” and let us know what you think.

All the very best,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Hain".

Bruce Hain
Headteacher

A reminder for all students, visitors and staff attending school about masks and when they should be worn:

1. When entering the building or moving between buildings and in corridors, if in another building
2. When moving from one classroom to another
3. When seated in a communal area facing each other (the hub, snug or office)
4. When queuing for food from the canteen
5. If in a shared provision classroom (e.g. one of the two D(M)IT classes in Y10 with Mr Grubb or applied science with Mr Pugh-Jones and Mrs Baber in Y12)

Absence Procedures, for students attending school virtually and physically - an important reminder

Just a reminder that Parents and Carers need to call **01761 438557 by 8.30am** on the day of absence, in order for us to record the absence correctly. On the message left, regarding absence, parents/carers need to include the description of the reason for absence, name of the student and the likely return time and date to school. If the absence is so serious that it extends beyond three days, we will need medical advice to be sought and evidenced. Mrs Willcox or Mr Leeder will contact parents/carers during the day, if we need further information. Work will not be set for students who are unwell. In the rare event of authorised isolation, due to Covid-19, work will be made available on Google Classroom (see above).