



7th May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

Working as a Virtual School

I hope that this letter finds you and your family keeping well at this difficult time.

I am writing to inform you of some changes in how we will continue to support your child's learning during lockdown. From Monday 11th May there will be two distinct teams working to support you and your child at this time.

Attendance & Welfare Team: This team is here to support you and your child in establishing and maintaining positive work habits to secure their continued progress. You will be contacted by a member of the attendance team by text message if your child has not logged onto Show My Homework by 9am each morning. If your child does not log on by 9am without good reason from you as a parent, it will be logged as your child being absent from education. If your child does not log onto Show My Homework repeatedly, a member of this team will call you to discuss the reasons for this and support accordingly.

We enjoy hearing about the new and interesting hobbies that you are discovering at this time through our weekly welfare and engagement calls and these will continue. Staff will also ask about the work that your child is completing and submitting. Well done to all of you who are doing your very best – we look forward to rewarding your efforts soon!

Engagement Team: This team are here to ensure that your child is working to the best of their ability and making full use of the resources and virtual lessons that are being provided in line with a bespoke timetable. They will contact you if your child is not engaging with the learning tasks set or submitting work. They will try to remove any barriers to learning and outline clearly the expectations moving forward. This is also an opportunity for your child to explain if there are any IT barriers preventing them from engaging fully.

It is very important to us at St Aloysius' College, that our students are not disadvantaged by the current situation. We are very proud of so many of our students who are working incredibly hard each day to ensure that they continue to progress. The SEN team will continue to contact Children with EHC Plans or with identified special needs on a daily basis. Please do contact us if we can be of any other help or support.

We continue to welcome vulnerable children or children of key workers to our Onsite Virtual School.

Tomorrow, Friday 8th May, is a bank holiday. Therefore, it is not expected that staff will set work or that children will have to complete work tomorrow. Due to the bank holiday, the monthly 'First Friday' meeting will now take place on Friday 15th May from 10am to 11am. If you wish to ask questions or submit comments please do so on enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk Myself and Mr English will be available to respond at this time but you will need to let us know that you wish to join the meeting in advance, no later than the end of the day Wednesday 13th May, through the above email address.

It is anticipated that this Virtual School arrangement will continue until at least half term. I will of course keep you updated with any changes as and when I can.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Heffernan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Ms J Heffernan
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER