



15th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

REMOTE LEARNING UPDATE

I hope you are keeping well despite the current challenges for everyone.

The school is open to vulnerable pupils and to children of key workers during the lockdown. If either of these categories applies to your son, then please contact the school via the enquiries email **enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk** (to facilitate planning) with your son's name and reason for on-site provision and someone will then contact you. Pupils are to wear their school uniform and to come equipped for learning.

Children and staff on site during lockdown will be tested weekly subject to consent. I kindly ask parents not to send their son(s) to school if any member of your household is either showing symptoms or is being tested for Covid 19. Please keep them at home and arrange a Covid test and keep the school informed.

I'm writing to you having reviewed the first week of remote learning for all Year groups. It has gone well with very good attendance in live lessons by all Year groups. I thank you for your support with this. I would like to remind you that your son needs to register by 8.30am each morning and to be on time for the start of each lesson. Attendance issues are being followed up daily with phone calls home. Boys who continue to disengage are being directed into school to work under supervision. The Heads of Year will write separately if this is the case.

With pupil and staff wellbeing in mind, we have decided to extend the lunch break to one hour to facilitate a break from screen time and to give both pupils and staff an opportunity to exercise during daylight and to return refreshed for afternoon lessons. Therefore, **from Monday Jan 18th** the timings of the days during lockdown are as follows:

AM Registration: 8:30am
P1-4 have usual timings
Lunchtime: 12.40pm-1.40pm
P5: 1.40PM-2.20PM
P6: 2.20PM -3.00PM

I hope your son will find this beneficial.

It should be noted that the same high expectations of behaviour are expected during remote learning and pupils are expected to adhere to our usual code of conduct. We will treat any misuse of technology as a serious breach of our behaviour policy and such breaches could lead to a Fixed Term Exclusion. Please make this clear to your son(s). There has been some silly online behaviour this week and it would be helpful if you could monitor your son's activities from time to time during the day. Pupils will be removed from remote classrooms and will not be readmitted until a parental conversation with the Head of Year has taken place.

Your son should be working on a laptop and not on a phone. We are currently providing a laptop for boys who need one and we can also provide help with connectivity for disadvantaged pupils. If he needs either or both of these then please contact the school via email (**enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk**) and leave your son's name, Form group and details of his digital needs. We will get back to you as soon as we can. If your son is having problems with his laptop, then please email details to **chromebooks@schoolsict.support**. If he is having problems using google classroom, then please email **enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk** leaving his name and Form group and details of what he needs help with. We will get back to him as soon as possible.

A welfare call will be made weekly to each pupil. Food vouchers will be provided for pupils entitled to free school meals. These vouchers will be back dated to the start of the Spring term. Further details to follow.

Parents of pupils in Year 8 should note the event below:

Event	Date
Year 8 GCSE Options evening for parents and pupils--this will be organised remotely. Details to follow.	Thursday 4 th February 2021

Support for Parents during lockdown

Mr Crowley will run a parental support drop in session for all parents on Tuesday, Jan 26th 6pm-7pm. He plans to cover the following:

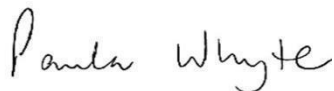
- E safety
- Pupil wellbeing
- Parental wellbeing
- Healthy living
- Using Google classroom for remote learning
- Questions

If you would like to attend then please email enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk with your son's name and Form group and your email address by Thursday, Jan 21st.

In addition to the above, each Head of Year will hold a drop in session for parents every two weeks beginning Jan 25th. Details of this to follow.

Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times. I hope that your son(s) has fully settled into his remote learning routine by now and that he's finding the experience beneficial. Please feel free to contact your son's Head of Year if needed. I will continue to update you regularly during lockdown.

Yours sincerely,



Paula Whyte
Headteacher