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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well and staying safe during these challenging times. I am writing to you to keep you up to date with the Academy's remote learning arrangements during the National lockdown and how you can get support if your child is struggling to access the online learning.

Remote learning

Whilst the Academy remains closed to all students other than Keyworker children or those identified as vulnerable, students will be taught their lessons via Microsoft TEAMS. Students will be sent an invite to their lesson by their teacher and will need to log on in time for the start of their lesson.

To access the Academy's lessons online please visit gat.airhead.io where your child will be asked to enter their username (or email) and password. If your child does not have their login details, then please email the relevant deputy head of year to request this information. The email addresses are:

Year	Deputy Head of Year	Email
7	Mrs Bradshaw	mbradshaw@thewellsacademy.org
8	Mrs Gillen	egillen@thewellsacademy.org
9	Mrs Courtney	jcourtney@thewellsacademy.org
10	Mrs Iwanejko	ciwanejko@thewellsacademy.org
11	Mrs Sherratt	asherratt@thewellsacademy.org

Students who do not have access to a device/internet have been provided with a work pack which they can work through whilst the academy attempts to source a laptop/internet access for them. If your child is struggling to complete the work pack then please get in contact with the relevant Deputy Head of Year.

Attendance expectations

The Academy expects all students, who are well and have access to the online learning, to be present in all of their lessons. We have built in regular breaks into the day to ensure that students have time away from the screen and are not overloaded with work. The Academy day has been adjusted so that there is time at the end of the day for students to complete any outstanding assignments and to be completing some quiet reading.

We ask that parents/carers support us in ensuring their children are logging on and attending all of their live lesson so that they do not fall behind with the education and progress. The Academy will be following up students who are not attending to ensure we offer them the support to do so. Please contact the Academy if your child is struggling to access the "live" lessons.



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Academy day timings

To ensure that there are regular screen breaks and enough time for students to complete assignments set by staff, the timings of the Academy day have changed. Students will have their lesson invites sent to them via TEAMS. **Start and end times for those attending the Keyworker provision will remain the same.**

Monday	KS3 (Year 7 - 9)
8:30am - 8:50am	Tutor time
9:00am - 9:50am	Period 1
9:50am - 10:05am	Break
10:05am - 10:55am	Period 2
11:00am - 11:50am	Period 3
11:50am - 12:20pm	Lunch
12:20pm - 1:10pm	Period 4
1:15pm - 2:05pm	Period 5
2:05pm - 3:20pm	Directed study/DEAR

	KS4 (Year 10 & 11)
8:30am - 8:50am	Tutor time
9:00am - 9:50am	Period 1
9:55am - 10:45am	Period 2
10:45am - 11:00am	Break
11:00am - 11:50am	Period 3
11:50am - 12:40pm	Period 4
12:40pm - 1:15pm	Lunch
1:15pm - 2:05pm	Period 5
2:05pm - 3:20pm	Directed study

Tuesday - Friday	KS3 (Year 7 - 9)
8:30am - 8:50am	Tutor time
9:00am - 9:55am	Period 1
9:55am - 10:15am	Break
10:15am - 11:10am	Period 2
11:15am - 12:10pm	Period 3
12:10pm - 12:50pm	Lunch
12:50pm - 1:45pm	Period 4
1:50pm - 2:45pm	Period 5
2:45pm - 3:20pm	Directed study/DEAR

	KS4 (Year 10 & 11)
8:30am - 8:50am	Tutor time
9:00am - 9:55am	Period 1
10:00am - 10:55am	Period 2
10:55am - 11:15am	Period 2
11:15am - 12:10pm	Period 3
12:15pm - 1:10pm	Period 4
1:10pm - 1:50pm	Lunch
1:50pm - 2:45pm	Period 5
2:45pm - 3:20pm	Tutorial/Directed study

Behaviour expectations

Students behaviour and engagement has been fantastic during remote learning, with a number of staff commenting positively on our students managing so well in their online lessons. Students who are engaging positively will continue to be acknowledged using our 'Golden Ticket' system. Please do continue to monitor this using your ClassCharts account (www.classcharts.com).

If any students in 'live' lessons are not meeting the Academy behaviour standards or are displaying behaviour online which falls short of our expectations risk being removed from lessons, having their account suspended or, in extreme cases, will have devices which has been provided to them withdrawn.

Students Requiring Equipment:

The Academy will be supplying equipment to students who do not have the right equipment required for learning. Parents/ Carers will need to complete a short survey [here](#) with details of the equipment required. The Academy will be in touch via text message with details on collection dates and times.

Parental Questionnaires

On **Tuesday 19th January**, all parents/carers will receive a link via text message to our parental questionnaire. We value your feedback and are always looking for ways to improve our Academy.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support during these difficult times.

Kind regards,



Mr Shepherd - *Proud to be Principal of The Wells Academy*



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