

27th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

RE: Pupils' attendance and the completion of tasks whilst learning remotely

I am writing to you regarding pupils' attendance and the completion of learning material if the need arises for them to learn at home. I would firstly like to thank you for your continued cooperation and for working with the school to support your child's education.

It is important that pupils who need to learn from home continue to complete educational tasks set by their teacher.

The school understands that each family's circumstances and their access to learning material for their children differs, and the responsibility to provide educational support at home can be difficult for families. It is, however, important that pupils remain engaged in education, even when they are not attending the school site. Where the school is providing online teaching to pupils who need to learn at home, we encourage pupils to attend these sessions to ensure they are not missing out on vital education.

Class Leaders will contact all of our families to discuss how we can best meet the needs of children during the pandemic. Because all of our children are individuals, all remote learning packages will be tailored to our children's personal context and may include a variety learning opportunities including dedicated one-to-one sessions with members of staff. Additional tasks will be set and monitored and may utilise web-based learning and more traditional paper based activities.



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These remote learning arrangements are in place to ensure that all pupils have access to education. We are, therefore, concerned that pupils who do not attend remote learning sessions or complete tasks adequately will fall behind their peers and struggle with lesson content when they return to school. All attendance of sessions will be monitored and recorded.

We advise all parents to make every effort to ensure that their child has access to and completes any learning material provided. Should your child be unable to access the learning material, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. If you need support with resources e.g. laptops or Chromebooks, please ask. If your child is unwell and is unable to attend remote learning sessions, please inform the school office on telephone number by no later than 8:30am, or as soon as possible should your child become unwell during the school day.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support should we need to provide remote education for your child. If, for any reason, you or your child experience difficulties with any remote learning arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the school via admin@thomasashton.tameside.sch.uk to discuss any alternative arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

M Doyle

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