

Our core purpose is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, based on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve.

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Dear parents,

I am writing to you in order to thank you for your support and understanding during the first week of a new term, particularly as it took place under such challenging and unexpected circumstances. Although we are confident that our students will continue to access outstanding teaching and learning whilst they take lessons on their devices at home for the time being, we know that all members of our DBS Wakra community would much prefer to back in school for face-to-face lessons. Keeping families safe at this difficult time, however, must surely be our collective priority.

With this in mind, our plan for next week is as follows:

Year 11 students are able to come into school each day at the normal time of 07.00 so that they can sit and prepare for their IGCSE mock exams.

For all other year groups, we will continue to implement our online learning plan, following the most recent ministerial announcement. Instructions for the day ahead with always be posted online at 07.00 – the start of the school day – by primary class teachers and secondary form tutors. We will ensure that a range of platforms, apps and strategies are used to deliver lessons, that tasks offer appropriate challenge and support and that teachers provide tailored feedback to students so that we can be sure that progress can be tracked. In return, we ask that students in all year groups and classes are punctual to their lessons, are wearing their complete and correct DBS uniform during their online lessons and that all tasks are completed to the best of their ability. We should remember that learning online is only a temporary measure and that it is clearly necessary for now and that normality will return again at some point soon. Until then, however, we must make the most of the opportunities provided.

As always, if any parents would like to contact me directly regarding the content of this letter, I would welcome them to do so via the email address below.

Yours sincerely,

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