

5th January 2021

Dear parents/carers,

### **SUBJECT: Remote Learning January 2021 Closure of Schools**

As you will know by now, the Prime Minister has announced a national lockdown and as such we will move to remote learning for all students. From tomorrow onwards, staff will be setting work on Google Classroom. Learning will be posted at the start of each day.

In response to pupil feedback from Lockdown 1 we want to try the approach of live lessons at KS4 to engage pupils and move them forward with their learning. These lessons will now begin next week as a result of further guidance we've now been given. We also hope to extend this provision to KS3 if possible but thank you for your understanding as we will trial this approach with KS4 initially.

### **Phased approach:**

- **This week, 5th - 8th January:** All learning, for all year groups, set on Google Classroom.
- **Week commencing 11th January:**
  - KS4: 1 live lesson per subject with the remaining work set on Google Classroom.
  - KS3: All learning set on Google Classroom.
- **From Monday 18th January:**
  - KS4: A gradual increase in the proportion of live lessons.
  - KS3: Majority of learning set on Google Classroom with a goal of including some live lessons.

A further letter later this week will provide detail on pupil and parent expectations alongside specific timings.

### **Communication with teachers/school:**

- **If your child needs help:** If pupils find learning difficult or 'get stuck' we encourage them to do at home what we encourage at school; **brain, book, buddy, boss**. Find the answer for themselves by **THINKING, RESEARCHING, ASKING A FRIEND** and only then **CONTACTING THEIR TEACHER** or **ASKING A PARENT**. Learning is all about finding solutions to problems and 'GETTING STUCK' is all part of the process. If your child does need to ask their teacher a question they can do so by sending a message via Google Classroom.
- **Parents:** As a parent if you think you need to speak with a teacher or member of staff about your child's learning, please email teachers directly: [Staff Email List](#)
- **General Enquiries:** For all other enquiries please ring the school directly 01748 833501 or email [enquiries@risedale.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@risedale.org.uk)

### **Year 11 examinations:**

As a school, we are responding to the information, confirmed this morning, that GCSEs will not go ahead as planned. Rest assured, that we will inform you of any updates as soon as we have them. I know pupils in year 11 will have many questions and we will endeavour to answer them as soon as we are able to.

Many thanks, as ever, for your support in these tricky times. We very much look forward to working with you during this period and if you do have any worries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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