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Dear Parent / Carer

I write to provide a further update as we advance our preparations to ensure we are able to support continued learning in the event that either your son / daughter is required to self-isolate, or we are required to move to a partial or full closure of the school.

During any required closure we intend to continue to support student learning through a range of subject based activities and work that we have prepared. This letter is intended to provide further details of our approach at this time.

We will communicate the work we are setting through a Work Overview Grid for parents

We will email a summary grid showing the work that each year group should complete (information about student emails below). Wherever possible, work has been set using online platforms. Alongside this letter is a **Guide on how to access the different online platforms** we use. If any period of absence were to be extended, it would be our aim to send out updates as work is prepared.

Learning Resource 1 - SAM Learning (online platform)

SAM Learning is one of our online learning platforms. It can be used to set learning activities for all year groups. All students have been given login details previously. Please see the attached sheet for further guidance, including how to reset passwords.

Subject areas are already setting work on SAM Learning. Please ensure your child has accessed this and checks this daily for new tasks set by staff.

Learning Resources 2 and 3 - Hegarty Maths and Maths Watch (online platforms)

The Maths team already use Hegarty Maths (Years 7 and 8) and Maths Watch (Years 9, 10 and 11) for online learning. The Director of Maths is overseeing work being added to these platforms.

Learning Resource 3 - Learning Beyond the Classroom Booklets (Paper based for Years 7, 8 and 9)

All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 were provided with a copy of our **'Learning Beyond the Classroom' booklet** at the start of the year. This was provided to support additional independent learning. Student voice tells us that this has not been used heavily yet; we had scheduled to focus on this later in the academic year. The Learning Beyond the Classroom book is packed full of different learning activities created by subject specialists from Wolfreton and across The Consortium Academy Trust. This week our staff have identified activities from this for students to do. These will be listed on the Work Overview Grid for parents, however if your child is already self-isolating, they can of course begin any of these now. We are obviously not recommending that those activities related to outdoor learning are completed.

We are aware that some young people may have mislaid these booklets, therefore **a further copy of the content has been given out to students this afternoon**. If your child is already self-isolating and has also mislaid their original copy, please let us know via enquiries@wolfreton.co.uk stating their name and year group. We are unable to upload this resource online due to restrictions, however we will endeavour to find a way to get it to you. We thank you for your patience in this.

Further paper-based resources

Students in Years 7 and 8 are bringing home a paper-based pack of science work tonight.

We are working to copy further paper resources for students without internet access. This is something we will review as we move forward.

Further online learning resources

Different subject areas use a range of online learning resources and your child will already have the log in information for these. The attached **Guide to how to access the different online platforms** we use will support you to access these. We will provide further guidance on which ones to look at when we email the overview grids.

My child is in Years 10 and 11. How will they be supported to continue their learning?

For Years 10 and 11 we will communicate the work to be completed through the **Work Overview Grid** which will be emailed to students. Emails will include a link to our SharePoint which will contain the necessary resources.

We also intend to use their email (see below) to provide them with the resources required for the tasks.

My son / daughter is in the Sixth Form. How will they be supported to continue learning?

Sixth Form class teachers already have email contact with their students and will be in touch directly with students. Work packs have already been issued in some areas and the dialogue between staff and students will continue electronically.

Student Email

We have created student emails for all young people to allow us to communicate with them directly. **Emails have been created on Office 365.** It is important that students only communicate with staff using these email addresses and not a personal email.

We will send further guidance on how to access Office 365 tomorrow. The email addresses and passwords below can be used once this is set up.

Student email address: [Their school username]@student.wolfreton.co.uk
username@student.wolfreton.co.uk

Student email password: Their school password

We will look to provide anyone without internet or email access with paper copies of work. We have asked students to let us know this today.

If your son / daughter has been absent today and paper work is required. Please contact enquiries to let us know.

How much work should my child be doing and how should they manage this?

If your child is well, we do expect them to spend the hours they would normally be in lessons working (5 hours each day). If at all possible we would ask your child to identify a suitable place at home to work, with access to the internet/email where possible.

Communicating with staff

As a school, it is our intention to support ongoing communication between staff and students during any term time closure. All of our teaching staff have emails and will aim to respond to questions – we will

forward these details in due course. We do ask for your child's patience and understanding with replies as our staff may also have children or family members to support and this will of course be health permitting.

If you do need assistance and are unable to reach who you need, please do continue to use the enquiries email.

Ways to keep in touch

We will continue to communicate with parents through our SchoolComms App (Schoolgateway) and text messaging services. If you have not already downloaded and activated the SchoolComms App (Schoolgateway), I would urge you to do so at this time. Information about downloading and activating the App can be found on our website <https://www.wolfreton.co.uk> If you experience any difficulty in doing this, please contact main reception and we will provide you with additional advice and support. It is vital that your contact details are up-to-date, including an alternative emergency contact, please email enquiries@wolfreton.co.uk should you need to update your details.

Please do consider also following us on Twitter:

@wolfretonsch

@wolfretonsport

@wolfretonart

As we move forward together, we continue to remind our students of the true meaning of our school values:

Excellence – We aim to inspire - to be the best that we can be

Endeavour – We promote the qualities of determination and courage

Respect – We are firm advocates of friendship and equality

I would like to send our best wishes to each of you and your wider families at this time and to thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher