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**HEAD OF SCHOOL: Mr I Bacon**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on Watling Academy's provision for remote learning. Along with this letter you will also receive a Remote Learning Guide, which will support you and your child in the completion of independent learning tasks.

If students are required to self-isolate at home, we have set up access to learning remotely using Microsoft Teams. This will support continued learning and will help to ensure that students are not disadvantaged as a result of working from home. All subject tasks have been developed to ensure that students working remotely obtain the same learning outcomes as those working in school.

#### **Students who are self-isolating**

Our expectation is that all students who are self-isolating, with the exception of those who have developed symptoms and feel too unwell to do so, should be completing all remote learning routinely.

- Students should complete tasks following their normal weekly timetable
- Details of how to access subject tasks can be found in the Remote Learning Guide attached to this letter
- If students require support with completing this work, they should contact their subject teacher via their school email

#### **Partial or full school closure**

In the event of a partial or full school closure where larger groups of students are working remotely, we aim to deliver elements of live teaching using Microsoft Teams.

- Subject teachers, where able, will deliver a segment of their timetabled lessons to support students in learning from home and to ensure the continuation of the effective delivery of the curriculum at Watling Academy
- Live teaching will be conducted through Microsoft Teams and all meetings will be recorded for students to access should they not be able to attend live teaching sessions
- Lessons will follow the current school timetable to maintain structure and routine for students
- Details of how to access these meetings can be found in the Remote Learning Guide. Our normal expectations regarding student conduct and behaviour apply to all elements of live teaching

Please do not hesitate to contact me (by email at [cassidyj@watling.academy](mailto:cassidyj@watling.academy)) should you have any further questions or concerns regarding remote learning. In addition, I would be grateful if you could contact me to let me know of any issues arising from access to IT at home or online learning in general.

Kind regards,

Mr J Cassidy  
Assistant Headteacher (Teaching and Learning)

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