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Feedback to Parents/Carers on Student Engagement in Remote Learning

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Prime Minister announced last week that the earliest schools would start to return to normal was Monday 8th March. I do think however, considering the conditions he described that will determine the date of return, it is still likely that it will be later than this date.

We have been working in the background to develop a way of giving regular feedback to parents and carers on how their son or daughter is engaging in their remote learning. We had hoped that we would be able to use Google Classroom to feedback to parents on engagement, yet despite trialling several options Google Classroom does not do this easily. Therefore, starting this week we will be using ClassCharts to give regular feedback on student engagement.

Sixty-three percent of our parents have already downloaded the free ClassCharts App from 'The App Store' or 'Google Play'. Parents who have not downloaded the App or registered were sent an access code via text at the end of last week. Please contact us if you need any help in installing the App.

We are already using ClassCharts to award ambition points for good remote learning work, though now we are going to formalise the structure.

- Each week a student will get up to two Engagement Points for their completion of online work for each of their subjects
- A student would either be awarded 1 point for Montgomery Way Engagement for at least 50% engagement that week or 2 points for Outstanding Engagement, if they have completed all their work to a good standard
- This means a student doing 8 subjects should be getting between 8 and 16 points per week.
- Particularly outstanding pieces of work will now be rewarded by a postcard or a phone call home
- You will be able to see on the App which subjects your son or daughter has been awarded their Engagement points in and the ones they have not
- Teaching staff will be given the week to award the points so your son or daughter's engagement with work will be reflected in their weekly score they have each Monday. Some subjects who have lessons or set work on a Friday will rollover the points to the following week.
- You will be able to see points being added through the week when teachers award them, but the totals ie 8-16 should only be considered as a total each Monday

Work this week will count towards the first total on Monday 8th February, so please make this clear to your son or daughter. Your child can also download a student version of the App to see how they are doing.

The weekly scores will be as follows

Years 7, 8, 9 will receive up to 2 points a week in the following subjects:

- English, Maths, Science, Expressive Arts, History, Geography, MFL/Literacy, PE, DT, Computing and PSHE
- A maximum score of 22

Year 10 and 11 will receive up to 2 points a week in the following subjects

- English, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Option 1, Option 2, Option 3 and for Year 10 only PSHE
- A maximum score of 16 for year 11 or 18 for Year 10

This system will take a little time to get up and running effectively ie the cycles of work, so please bear with us. However, this will start to give you quite quickly an indication of your child's engagement in remote learning.

Please can I take the opportunity to mention about working hours of staff and students. Some students are sending their work to staff very late at night and some have even been sent after midnight. It is obviously not good for both the sender or the receiver to be working at that time of day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in challenging times,

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher