



LONGSANDS ACADEMY

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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(Week A)

PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT OF SCHOOL CLOSURE I would like to take this opportunity to share with you how 'Remote Learning' will operate in the unfortunate event that your child is part of a year group that have to be sent home to isolate for a period of time due to COVID-19.

While we are maintaining a positive outlook and hoping that we will remain running as normal for as long as possible, it is essential that we plan for the possibility that a year group will have to be sent home to isolate. In the event that Public Health England advise us to send a year group home, we will inform parents and carers as soon as possible.

Due to recent upgrades to our IT system, we are pleased that we are now in a position to be able to provide 'live' remote teaching and learning to all students via Microsoft Teams. With this in mind, please see below the two-stage plan for how teaching and learning will continue for your child should they have to be sent home at any point.

Day one

On the first day of a year group closure, teachers will set work on Doodle for students to complete independently as per students' normal timetable. Where possible, this work will be set by 8.45am, but in the situation where we move to remote teaching at short notice, a teacher may not be able to set work until the time that the lesson is due to take place.

In this circumstance, we would recommend that students work independently, using the following resources:

1. Visit the Oak National Academy website and complete one or more lessons from each of the subjects that you would have been taught. This site offers free, high-quality video lessons and resources that, in many subjects, closely match the curriculum followed by students at Longsands.
2. **For Year 7, 8 and 9:** Use the relevant Knowledge Organisers on the Academy website to reinforce the core curriculum knowledge from some of your subjects.
3. **For Year 10, 11, 12 and 13:** Make use of the course textbooks and revision materials that you already have to consolidate prior learning; for Year 10 and 11 this could include completing work on GCSEPod.

Day two onwards

From day two onwards, students will have timetabled 'live' lessons delivered remotely via Microsoft Teams, alongside a range of independent project work. Teachers will provide instructions for students on Doodle about how the remote learning for each lesson will take place. We will continue to offer remote teaching and learning that is as closely aligned to the intended curriculum as possible.

We have however, as a school, been working to make absolutely certain that our students can continue to enjoy high quality teaching and learning in the event of any disruption. Clearly we will communicate these plans to parents/carers as and when this becomes necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries related to our planning as outlined above.

