



Year 7 Parent Live Event – Monday 18th January

A huge thank you to all those parents and carers who attended our first live year 7 parent event, which was run by Mr Care and Mrs Cooper.

There were a range of positive comments from parents and as an academy we feel proud of the provision we have in place for our young people and how parents' value this.

We had over 40 parents attend the meeting which had remote learning as its focus. During the presentation the following areas of remote learning were discussed:

- What remote learning looks like for a year 7 pupil during the current lockdown
- How pupils can access key information via Student SharePoint [Home - Welcome \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com) and also access their live lessons via Teams
- The high expectations we have as an academy of all pupils for remote learning
- The support the academy provides to ensure all pupils are engaging in all remote lessons
- Top Tips for parents to support their child in remote learning

As part of the meeting parents asked if we could share these Mr. Care's Top 5 Tips for parents:

Tip 1 – Check in with your child – Regular contact with your child around their learning is so important. Try to take five minutes at the start and end of the day to discuss their learning. Below are some of the questions you could ask.

In the morning, you might ask:

- What classes/subjects do you have today?
- Do you have any assessments?
- What resources do you need? Have you got all these resources?
- What can I do to help?

At the end of the day, you might ask:

- What lessons did you have today?
- What did you discover?
- Which lesson did you enjoy the most and why?
- Did you find any lessons difficult today? Why?

Tip 2 - Establish a daily schedule and routine for your child

Tip 3 – Have a dedicated space for learning

Tip 4 – Encourage your child to communicate and engage with teachers and in lessons via Teams

Tip 5 - Monitor your child's well-being and mental health

The meeting finished with a really positive Q&A session around remote learning. Some of the most frequently asked questions and answers are below.

Q - My child does not understand a topic in a subject but does not want the whole class to know this. Is there a way they can contact their teacher without putting a message on the Teams chat for the whole group to see?

A – Please ask your child to email their teacher directly with their issue or question.

Q – How is work assessed during remote learning?

A – There are a variety of ways that work is assessed by staff. For example, work that is submitted via the 'Assignments' function on Teams, through Microsoft Forms quizzes or questionnaires and by asking pupils directly in remote lessons, so that they can respond either verbally or by typing their answer in the Teams chat function.

Q – Why are lessons recorded?

A – This is to help pupils who were not able to attend the lesson 'live' as they can watch it at a later time, so they do not miss out on any learning. It also allows pupils who were not sure of some aspects of the lesson to watch this again so they can understand them.

Q – What support is provided to support pupils' welfare and mental health?

A – This is such an important area and as an academy we are doing everything we can to support pupils with their mental health and wellbeing. All pupils have daily form learning time, where form tutors will check in on pupils' welfare. Activities are also built in to form learning time that supports pupils in this regard. Our next Live Event for year 10 parents will be dedicated to looking at mental health and wellbeing and will be led by our PSICHE curriculum leader, Mrs Jones.

Q – As parents, how can we see what our child is doing in lessons remotely and access their work?

A – There are several ways that parents can see and understand what their child is doing in lessons. Firstly, get your child to show you their calendar on Teams which has all their lessons for the week. Use some of the questions from the 'Top Tips' shown above to engage them in conversation in different subjects. Get your child to click on certain subjects and show you their assignments so you can see what they have been set for homework. It is also a good idea to make sure you follow the academy's Facebook and Twitter pages as they have subject specific tips to help parents and pupils.

Please note that the next Live Event for year 7 is on Monday 25th January at 4pm. Following suggestions from parents and carers this session will focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing and will be led by Mrs Jones, our PSICHE curriculum leader.

Kind regards,



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