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Dear Parent/Carers

## Allerton Grange educational provision update, lockdown 3

As we come to the end of week three of this lockdown, I want to thank the scores of parents who have contacted school to express their appreciation for the quality of live lessons their children are receiving; to thank our pastoral staff for the weekly welfare checks, and the care they show; and to recognise our administrative teams for the speed and efficiency in communication. Indeed every member of staff is working differently and harder than ever because of the constraints. Your messages of support are much appreciated.

### 1. Provision for key worker and vulnerable children

- Thank you to the staff in school who are supporting this provision.
- We have over 70 students attending daily. This is significantly more than during the first lockdown.
- They access their remote live lessons in class bubbles supervised by staff.
- Due to staffing and accommodation, there is a finite capacity to this provision. If you are a key worker and your child is unable to work from home then please contact either Mrs Saunders (Deputy Headteacher) or Mr Donlon (Assistant Headteacher) who will consider your request.

### 2. Remote Learning

- Thank you to the teachers, HLTAs and teaching assistants who are delivering, and supporting, our live lesson programme.
- We have distributed over 180 laptops and are working with broadband providers on the governments free data download programme.
- Attendance and engagement remains very high and feedback from teachers has been extremely positive.
- Please keep encouraging your children to engage fully in each of their lessons. School will contact parents to alert them where children miss five or more lessons (this is equivalent to at least a full day of learning).
- Changes to our remote learning schedule from Monday 25th January:
  - The daily schedule will be revised, and all students will follow the same schedule (see below).
  - We are also introducing a 10-minute screen break at the end of each lesson to provide students and staff with regular short breaks away from their screens.
  - On Wednesdays, our provision will start earlier with a ten minute form time. This provision will include assemblies, mental health and well-being support plus careers advice and outside speakers.



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### New schedule

Timings	Period
08:45 – 08:55 (Wednesdays only)	Form time
09:00 – 09:50	Lesson 1
09:50 – 10:00	Screen break
10:00 – 10:50	Lesson 2
10:50 – 11:00	Screen break
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:20	Lesson 3
12:20 – 13:10	Lunchtime
13:10 – 14:00	Lesson 4
14:00 – 14:10	Screen break
14:10 – 15:00	Lesson 5

### 3. Welfare checks

- Thank you to our pastoral and safeguarding team for ensuring that every family received a welfare check in the first 2 weeks of lockdown.
- These checks will continue weekly for our most vulnerable students, and for those students who are not engaging sufficiently with their lessons.

### 4. Testing programme

- Everything here is ready to go regarding testing.
- Thank you to the staff who trained to become COVID lateral flow testers.
- Unfortunately, the programme is now paused as the government has taken the decision to halt the roll out until they secure more scientific reassurances.

### 5. GCSE, A Level and vocational examinations

- Thank you to our exam team; and congratulations to all our students who successfully completed their vocational examinations earlier this month.
- Congratulations to those students in Year 12 who resat their Maths or English GCSE and secured a grade 4 or higher.
- We have received a consultation document, from the government, outlining how they propose GCSE and A Level grades are to be calculated this summer. The consultation concludes on 29 January. Once the arrangements are finalised we will inform our Year 11 and 13 families.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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