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Dear parents and carers

You will have received a timetable for your child to follow whilst taking part in distance learning.

As mentioned in earlier emails, the school will be running from Monday 11th January (all be it, via distance learning) and we are asking that you support your child to get engaged with their timetable as much possible. Tutors will be in touch to discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

Understanding the timetable:

- There are 3 scheduled lessons a day.
- Each lesson should be 40 minutes to one hour long even though each period has been allocated 1 hour 30 minutes. It is not expected that student work for the full 1 hour 30 minutes – they should try to work for between 40 minutes and an hour for each lesson. However, **the teacher will be available online for the full hour and 30 minutes to support students** in such ways as, teaching by livestream or just chatting via google messages etc.
- For those pupils who normally have support for learning sessions, Anne will be in touch to organise sessions directly. They are not detailed on the timetable (except in a couple of instances).
- Planned lessons will be uploaded to Google Classroom for the lesson periods and will be available thereafter. Therefore, even if students miss a timed slot they can still engage with the lessons and put completed work back on Google Classroom at any time. They can also email the teacher at any time and the teacher will get back to them on their next working day or when they are free. The times above the periods just indicates teacher availability for immediate response.
- Teachers all work part time, so on the student's timetable are details of which days teachers work.
- Lessons will not be based on full hour live teaching but may include short sessions of video teaching.
- All students will be expected to engage and tutors will be monitoring engagement. Pupils have been given a reminder of their passwords for Google Classroom home with them on the last day of term. If a pupil needs a reminder of this password, please contact their tutor and they will be able to provide it.
- The school will be in touch to offer a couple of organised sessions to help parents understand how to use Google Classroom so that you can help your child access learning at home.

As mentioned, tutors will be in touch later this week to ensure that pupils have all the necessary knowledge and tools to enable them to start work on Monday.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with either the school (phone or email) or the individual tutors if you have any concerns or queries.

Thank you for your support at this time and we hope to be able to see students back in school in the near future.