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Dear parents/carers

As you will be aware through the local and national media, the numbers of students self-isolating is rapidly on the increase. As such, it is our duty to ensure that all of our students continue to have access to the very best education and life opportunities that follow.

Therefore, in line with the guidance from the Department for Education, we have put in place measures to ensure that students who are self-isolating can still access the curriculum and lessons that they will not be present for.

I have set out these measures below:

- If a student is self-isolating, the classroom teacher will be notified.
- The teacher will make available, through the subject Google Classroom, the lesson slides and accompanying worksheets for that day. These will be found under the topic '*Work for Students Self Isolating*' in each Google Class.
- The teacher will make clear on the slide any tasks where students are required to submit work, with instructions detailing how this work is to be submitted.
- All work, apart from these tasks, should be completed in the Homework exercise book.
- Students can communicate with their teachers through each Google Class but please bear in mind that an immediate response may not be possible due to teaching commitments.

The work for each day's lessons will be available by 8.40 the following morning. This is so that teachers can amend slides based on the progress of, and feedback during, lessons and can upload any recorded episodes from the lesson which may be of use. Therefore, students will be working a day behind on their timetable (i.e. students will complete Tuesday's lessons on Wednesday). Teachers will make clear in the instructions the day on which the work is to be completed. This does mean that, on the first day of self-isolation, lessons will not be available because students will already have completed the previous day's work in school. Therefore, on the first day of self-isolation, students should complete one week's worth of homework.



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Your support in ensuring that students complete their lessons and submit required tasks is very much appreciated - particularly in ensuring that your child has joined all of their Google Classes. There may be instances where students are unable to complete the work because of extreme symptoms and I would ask that you let the Academy know through the Pastoral team that this is the case so that teachers can be notified.

I appreciate that not all students will have laptops and computers - where this is the case the lessons should be accessible on their mobile phones (Google Classroom and Slides are available as apps). If data is an issue, please let the Academy know and we will look to support. Due to the ongoing nature of the pandemic, with no end-point in sight, it is likely that students' education will be a mixture of classroom-based lessons and remote learning in the foreseeable future. In order for our students to learn effectively and to meet the Department for Education's standards for remote learning during COVID, it is vital that students have access to IT and the internet at home and I would encourage all parents to try and ensure this is the case. We will be sending out to all parents a digital survey so that we can support where this may be difficult.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the key symptoms of Coronavirus:

- Fever and tiredness
- Continuous cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Breathing difficulties

As we approach the change of seasons, students will contract colds, winter coughs and seasonal flu and I would ask that you refer back to the symptoms above when deciding whether students should self-isolate with suspected Coronavirus.

This information can be found in the COVID19 area of the Academy website. Please contact enquiries@plympton.academy with any questions.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Langmead', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr K Langmead
Vice Principal