



The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust

Learning Communities, Inspired by Faith

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Re: Remote Learning

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and that you are coping under the very difficult circumstances we find ourselves in. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given to your child's school, both in terms of supporting the measures which have been put in place to keep everyone safe and for the efforts you have made to return to school at the beginning of the school year. To date, attendance across the Trust has been high and this is testament to you as parents, and to school leaders for the preparations they made for a safe return.

As our area has been placed in a 'High Risk' category, it is inevitable that at some point pupils and staff will experience further disruption. School leaders across the Trust have been working hard to implement a Remote Learning Policy which will support any pupils who have to isolate at home. The Trust is keen that our approach to remote learning will allow for work to be set which will mirror what other pupils will be doing in school. In order to achieve this, we are reliant upon the skill and cooperation of staff to deliver learning in a way which is completely new to them: via a digital platform. The flowchart which accompanies this letter, sets out how we aim to achieve this.

We recognise that for some members of staff, this new way of teaching comes with added pressure and in some cases, increased anxiety levels at what is already a difficult time. Our teachers and support staff across the Trust will do whatever is needed to ensure the education of our pupils is not jeopardized, but we need your support too. In particular, we are concerned that during live lessons:

- Teachers will be under greater scrutiny from parents which may lead to nervousness.
- Parents may offer their opinion on the style of teaching or behaviour management.
- Teachers will have to deal with unforeseen circumstances such as poor behaviour.
- Teachers will experience technical difficulties beyond their control which might make learning disjointed.

If your child is at home and taking part in a live lesson, we ask/expect that you will:

- Read the BKCAT Remote Learning Agreement (this will be sent out tomorrow along with the Remote Learning Policy).
- Acknowledge that staff are working under extreme pressure and not pass unfair judgement on teaching or learning, instead raising concerns with a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team.



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- Be supportive and understanding, appreciating that this way of working is new to everyone and technical glitches and issues will be inevitable.
- Provide adequate supervision of your children when they are accessing remote learning.
- Ensure your child attends all remote learning sessions each day, unless there is a good reason not to.
- Inform school if your child is unwell.

This is new territory for everyone, and we appreciate your support. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's school should you require any further information about remote learning.

We have been very impressed with how the pupils have settled into their school routines with the added expectations around social distancing and keeping each other safe; they are a credit to you all. As ever, thank you on behalf of the staff for your support, your patience and kindness at this time. We pray for everyone in our community, that pupils, staff and parents all stay safe and well and enjoy a rest over half term.

With very best wishes to you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

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