

4th March 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

As you are aware, we will reopen the academy to all children on Monday as part of the Government's route map towards the lifting of restrictions following the national lockdown period. We are all looking forward to welcoming the children back into school and resuming their lessons face-to-face.

In preparation for this, all staff will be on the academy site tomorrow, Friday 5th March, to ensure that they have been fully trained in additional control measures that we will be implementing and also to prepare their classrooms for the full return.

As a result, the remote education that your child accesses tomorrow will not involve 'live' teaching for most of the day. Instead, the children will be assigned English, Maths and wider curriculum work which has been provided by our trust team of curriculum directors. The intention is to enrich the children's learning as well as providing them with age appropriate lesson content. Children will be invited to a live teacher led session at some point during the afternoon to set the scene for the following week.

Children will be able to access the learning for the day at the following website:

<https://tinyurl.com/OGATMarch>

This link will also be sent to children via their Google Classroom tomorrow.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with your child's remote learning over the last 8 weeks. We feel that the provision has been very effective and has been positively received by our children and families. We welcome any feedback regarding the remote learning provision that has been in place and should you wish to send us any comments, please email us at remotelearning@newstead.outwood.com

We will shortly be sending details of our parents consultation evening which will be held online using Google Meet. Many parents and carers are now familiar with this platform having used it during the remote learning period. This evening will be held during the week commencing 22nd March which will enable the class teacher to be able to give you an overview of how well your child is progressing and settling back into face-to-face learning.

We know that this has been a difficult time, but together we have ensured that our children have been well supported and have continued to make progress. Thank you for the part that you and your family have played in this success.

Yours faithfully,



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