

# Glebe School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much to all the parents who have contacted us thanking us for everything we are doing with our remote learning, it is very much appreciated.

Remote learning needs to be as accessible as possible to all students and for this reason we believe a 'blended learning' approach is best at this moment in time. We thank parents, carers, staff and students for their feedback to date. A few areas of importance have come to light this week and, in order to ensure Home Learning is as successful as possible, please can we draw your attention to the following:

This week, we have started to roll out more Live Lessons across the School, and hopefully most of our students will have experienced one, or more, Live Lessons by half term.

1. Staff are learning to use and adapt to new technology all the time at the moment. Please bear with us whilst we, ourselves, learn, adapt and improve. Teaching virtually is very different to teaching in the classroom and is daunting!
2. Live Lessons should be attended from beginning to end for each lesson. Students may be asked to engage throughout the lesson.
3. The calendar feature is now on your child's Teams account, so invites for live sessions are automatically placed into the calendar so your child can see when sessions are scheduled. They will be able to join the session using the links there. I would recommend that your child checks this regularly.
4. All notifications can be found on this calendar, so after this week, you will not receive an additional reminder via school email.
5. Please be aware that some staff are starting to set assignments by Teams, which enables students to edit work and send it back.
6. We would really like to see the work that your child is completing at home so please return it by email, it by or send a photo of your completed work to the subject staff. Any Teams assignments can be returned via Teams.
7. Department for Education guidance requires schools to set a certain amount of work for students per day, but this does not mean that they must complete, to perfection, all this work every day. Of course, we would encourage students to do their best, as any school would, but they must not worry if they cannot manage this. Some days will be better than others, some children will enjoy the routine of home learning but others will struggle. They just need to do what they can and ask for help if they are really finding it difficult. If it is a case of selecting some work to do over others, please discuss this with your child's tutor. It is so important that we once again recognise the challenges we are facing as a community and that we are kind to one another and to ourselves.

Wishing you and your families all the best,

Yours sincerely

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