



8 October 2020

Dear Parents,

### Preparing for Remote Learning and Localised Lockdown

As part of our planning for a potential localised lockdown, we would like to share our current strategy for remote learning and onsite provision.

If the Government feel that it is necessary, we may be asked to move to a 'Tier 2' response. In this circumstance, the aim will be to reduce the amount of time students are in school and in contact with each other on site. This would therefore mean that we would be required to implement a blended learning approach whereby students would only be permitted to attend school according to a pre-published schedule (typically once every other week). An overview of how this would look for The Suthers School is attached. When not in school, students will be required to access learning remotely. Microsoft Teams will be the online platform used to deliver online lessons, set work, provide feedback and monitor student progress.

Staff are well prepared to move to this blended approach and will continue to deliver high quality, ambitious lessons in line with the planned curriculum.

Over the next few days, students will also have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with Microsoft Teams and any updates to the platform so that they are able to engage with their learning in this way if required. Where students are unable to access technology, steps will be put in place to ensure that students are not disadvantaged.

We are keen to ensure that as far as possible, students will be able to participate in live lessons via Microsoft Teams and so, to avoid any delay, we would be grateful if you could read through the attached online behaviour and consent form with your child and return a signed copy to school by **Wednesday 14 October**. We will be in touch again if there are any updates and will inform you immediately if we are required to move to a Tier 2 arrangement or adopt a 'virtual school' approach owing to full closure.

Yours faithfully,

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