



Dear Parent

Following the advice issued from the Assembly today regarding school closure in Northern Ireland, we are moving to online teaching again from Monday 19th October, for the week leading into Half Term. This worked very effectively during the Spring and Summer Terms of the last academic year and we know that our students and teachers are set up for the same again, now that the need has arisen.

Early Years' and Upper Juniors' staff will shortly be in contact with parents of their pupils in order to outline the plan for the week ahead.

All students from Year 8 to Year 14 have access to Google Classroom and Google Meet and should log in to Google Meet each morning at registration time and follow their timetable during the school day, to ensure that they do not miss out on any of their education. Teachers may post codes for online classes to Google Classroom, so please remind students to check Google Classroom for codes ahead of each class.

The daily schedule is as follows:

0840-0855 – Form class registration: *students are required to register with their form teacher each morning, who will mark them present/absent for the day. If students are experiencing any issues with technology or are going to miss some classes due to appointments etc.,, please ensure that this information is shared with form teachers, who will let teaching staff know.*

0855-1040 – Periods 1-3

1040-1100 – Break

1100-1245 – Periods 4-6

1245-1340 - Lunch

1340-1600 – Periods 7-10

In order for remote learning to work most effectively, students will need to use a laptop/tablet with a microphone and camera enabled (unless asked to disable these by teachers). Students will need to work in a quiet location at home, where they are away from any sound disturbances which will carry through the microphone. Homework and classwork which is set should be submitted for marking through Google Classroom to the teacher and will be returned through GC.

Any issues with accessing Google Classroom or Google Meet should be forwarded to Mr Smith (ssmith@rockportschool.com) who will be able to address technical needs.

An attendance register will be kept by all teachers and those students who miss lessons for any reason will be contacted by form teachers and/or Mrs Palmer.

Half-term week will take place, as planned for Monday 26th October and we anticipate, unless we hear otherwise, that all students will return to school on Monday 2nd November.

Keep safe and look after yourselves and your families at this time.

With kind regards

Mrs Rhonda D. Palmer
Deputy Head