



25/01/2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Remote Learning

I write to inform you that we are currently experiencing extraordinarily high levels of staff absence at Beacon Hill Academy. Much of this additional pressure has been bought about by an increase in cases of COVID-19. Unfortunately, as a result, we are unable to continue face-to-face teaching for all year groups. The plan outlined below details our strategy for continuing high quality provision for all learners during this testing time.

Year 9

Year 9 are to remain at home and access our well-established Distance Learning provision between **Wednesday 26th January and Friday 28th January 2022**. This will operate in a similar way as during the Spring lock down last academic year. Further details of how to access work on MS Teams are detailed below. With staffing levels projected to return to an appropriate level, all learners in Year 9 are expected to return to the academy on Monday 31st January 2022 to start school at normal time.

Accessing MS Teams.

In order to access MS Teams, the platform which we use to deliver online learning, please click on this link <https://www.beaconhillacademy.org.uk/distance-learning/logging-in> and follow the instructions. In order to access 'assignments' on MS Teams, which represents work or lessons set by the teacher (typically prerecorded) and to upload completed learner work, please consult this link: <https://www.beaconhillacademy.org.uk/distance-learning/assignments>. It is important to note that MS Teams can easily be accessed via a multitude of devices e.g. a laptop, smart phone, IPAD, tablet and even a Playstation or Xbox console.

If your child is invited to attend a 'live lesson,' the process is slightly different. You will receive an invite on your calendar on 'MS Teams.' Click 'join' at the start time of the lesson, ensure that your camera and microphone are off. Your microphone may be switched on when your teacher invites you to participate or answer a question. It is highly likely you will be invited to respond to tasks via the 'chat' function.

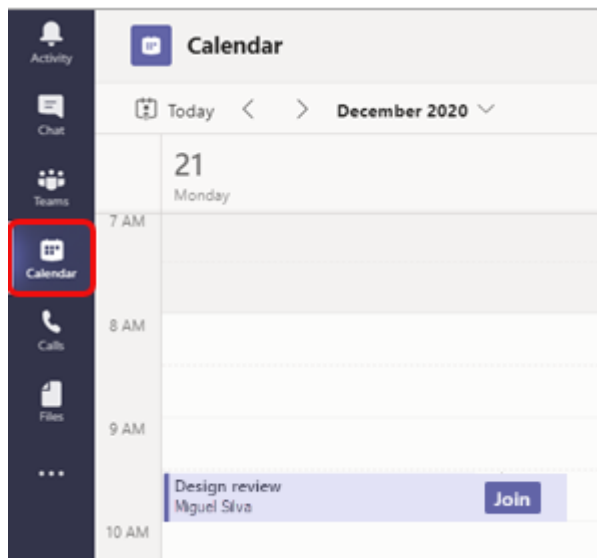


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Essentials:

A) It is essential that during this period of remote learning, that your child follows the structure of their 'in school' timetable. This means that they should complete 'lessons' as they would during the school day, starting on time, taking scheduled breaks for mid-morning and lunch as well as working through until 2:45pm. Your teachers will factor in opportunities for 'screen breaks.'

B) Complete all tasks/assignments to the best of their ability and ensure that they upload their work in a timely fashion.

C) Learner behaviour during online learning must be exemplary – replicating our expectations in school.

For a small number of learners in Year 9, they will be required to attend face to face provision. The pastoral team will contact parents/carers directly where this is the case. There are a small number of places available for children of parents/carers who are key workers. Please contact the school via helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk should you need further support.

Please rest assured, our experienced teaching staff, ably supported by committed Curriculum Team Leaders will continue to work hard to ensure that your children receive high quality provision across the breadth of the curriculum. I hope that you appreciate this decision has not been taken lightly. It is vital that all learners continue to attend educational provision online, it is important to stress that registers will be taken during each session and attendance will be tracked.



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If you have any outstanding questions, please contact the helpline email address highlighted above.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Dhami'.

Mr S Dhami
Principal



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