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Dear Parents,

Remote Learning at St. Austin's

As of Wednesday 6th January we will begin remote learning for all pupils. Remote learning assumes that all children have access to a device to enable them to engage with learning. We continue to work with our Academy Trust regarding the loan of devices. At the time of sending this letter, we have no new information to share with you regarding the loan of devices. In the meantime, we are issuing another online survey that we ask all families to complete to give us an up to date and accurate picture of how many devices are required.

For those families who already have sufficient devices, **we encourage all children to log on to their Google Classroom and follow the link at 9.00am tomorrow.** The class register will be taken, class teachers will speak with their classes and explain the plan for the day ahead. Staff in school will call parents whose children are not online and assist with any technical issues you may be experiencing.

We see the next three days as an opportunity for pupils to begin to become familiar with logging in and accessing work. It is also an opportunity for staff to develop their skills and confidence teaching in this style. As we were very fortunate at St. Austin's and didn't have to close a bubble during the Autumn Term, we have not had the opportunity to use this method of teaching and learning before. As a result, this is a very new way of working for our staff and we recognise that there may be technical difficulties along the way.

By Monday 11th January, it is our aim to have a clear timetable in place for all year groups, which we will share with you on Friday. The weekly timetable will contain the necessary hyperlinks that will take you directly to live teaching and associated resources. We are planning to deliver high quality remote learning which will include live teaching, interactive activities, opportunities for children to complete tasks independently followed by opportunities for direct feedback for all year groups. All year groups will follow a similar timetable.

We kindly ask you to take the time to read the BKCAT Remote Learning Policy and agreement document. We appreciate your support and understanding at this time and assure you of our dedication to make the next six weeks as rewarding as possible for all children

Yours sincerely,

John Molyneux

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