

5th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support at this challenging time. We are trying to quickly adapt our provision in the light of the government announcement that schools will remain closed for the majority of pupils during this period of lockdown.

We thought we would take this opportunity to write you to this morning with some key reminders about how remote learning will be organised from this morning. Remote education will start this morning from Period 1 at 9.05am.

Details of how this will be organised are available via this link on our website. please ignore the opening sentence about the different provision for different year groups; this will be updated later today. However, the details of how your child will access remote learning remain the same.

<https://www.astreacottenham.org/remote-learning-from-5th-january-2021/>

For ease of reference, key headlines about how we are organising remote education are below:

- All work for pupils will be set on Microsoft Teams.
- Pupils will follow their usual timetable each day.
- A copy of your child's timetable is easily accessed from the parental Astrea App.
- It is Week B from 5-8 January.
- Pupils will need to join their Team which is for their usual class, at the time they would normally have a lesson. (For example, if they have a history lesson at 9.05 they will need to open their history Team page at that time).
- At the start of each lesson, work will either be published on Teams for pupils to complete or the teacher will start a 'live' lesson.

The Astrea Trust policy is that we must have 2 adults on the line for all live lessons. This may mean that 'live' lessons cannot run if colleagues are absent. In this case, alternative work will be set on Teams at the time the lesson would normally have taken place.

This week we are focusing on getting our curricular lessons up and running. From Monday 11 January we intend to launch our wider pastoral programme to support pupils. Further details about this will be circulated later this week.

Yours sincerely,



Kath Goudie
Assistant Principal