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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well and that remote learning is a positive experience for your children. It can be difficult adjusting to changes and getting to grips with new ways. Attendance to online lessons has been very good during our first two weeks and we continue to work on overcoming the barriers for those experiencing them. Please do get in touch if there is any reason why your child cannot access remote learning.

Remote learning https://www.hallgreen.bham.sch.uk/covid-19-updates-and-support/

Guides for remote learning can be found on our website. Please do get in touch if there are any barriers to engagement (<u>enquiry@hallgreen.bham.sch.uk</u>).

It is worth noting that a pupil's log in details for Teams is the same as they are for when they are logging on to a computer in school. Pupils should know their username (the first part of their email followed by our school email domain, i.e. @hallgreen.bham.sch.uk) and password for logging on to a computer in school and should use these same credentials when logging in to Teams. If they do not know their credentials, please contact us on enquiry@hallgreen.bham.sch.uk.

Lessons are usually recorded by the class teacher through the Teams function. Please note that under no circumstances should pupils or family members record lessons.

Pupils should upload work when requested to Class Charts to enable teachers to support pupils and provide feedback in line with our usual feedback policy.

Free school meals <u>https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals</u>

Pupils entitled to free school meals will have received a separate letter yesterday detailing our plans to move to food vouchers from Monday 25 January. If you believe your child is eligible but you have previously not completed the form, please do complete an application form – the link can be found on our website.

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Year 10 parents/carers will receive more detail information regarding the logistics of the day. Other year groups should be aware that due to the fact calls will be made throughout the day, work will be available on Class Charts for most lessons on that day rather than live Teams lessons.

On site learning

We have increased our safety measures for pupils and staff currently working on site due to the nationwide infection rates. Pupils and staff are currently socially distanced in all classrooms and wear masks in classrooms as well as communal areas.

Year 11 exams

We received confirmation this week that the February and March BTEC exams will NOT be taking place. Ofqual are soon to launch a national consultation regarding how pupils will be assessed. We will update you as soon as we can. For the time being, Year 11 pupils should remain focused on completing all work to the highest standard possible.

Wellbeing <u>https://www.hallgreen.bham.sch.uk/maintaining-good-well-being-whilst-in-lockdown/</u> Please do visit the resources on our website to support your child, and family's, wellbeing through lockdown.

We continue to strive to provide the best education possible whilst supporting pupils in every way we can.

Yours faithfully

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