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Dear Parent/Carer

Information regarding Home Learning

I am writing to inform you that The Link Academy is no longer using Show My Homework and is instead moving to Microsoft Teams for all home learning. All learners have access to a virtual Microsoft Teams classroom for each subject that they study. Teachers will use their virtual Teams classrooms to publish homework and to share resources with learners. Learners are able to submit work using Microsoft Teams or in person to the teacher (some work may be specify to submit in person). Please note that 'distance learning' for learners who are isolating will continue to be available on our website.

Regular use of Microsoft Teams will ensure learners have greater opportunities to develop excellent routines surrounding working outside of lessons. We know that the ability to think and work independently is an integral skill necessary for any young person entering the modern workplace. Young people need to be confident that they know how to organise themselves to meet deadlines, that they can be resourceful in finding and assimilating information and that they can do tasks without adult supervision.

How can my child access Microsoft Teams?

Teams classrooms can be easily accessed via the Teams tile on RM Unify and we encourage your child to download the free Teams app to their mobile device. Once activated, learners will receive notifications from their respective classrooms each time a homework assignment is set. To support organisation of their homework (and for times when there may be technical issues), each learner has still been given a planner to record homework set.

We have shown learners how to access Microsoft Teams during their induction and are currently supporting students in resolving any technical issues they may have but please see the attached guide for your information and further support.

How much homework should my child have?

At key stage 3; core subjects (English, maths, and science) set one to two pieces per week and EBAC subjects (geography, history, and French) set one piece per week. Other, more practical subjects will be setting fortnightly independent study tasks on a rotation basis.

At key stage 4; all subjects will continue to set a minimum of one piece per week (some of which will include revision of previous topics studied). We also remind you of Upgrade sessions that KS4 learners are expected to attend.

Should you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact your child's learning manager.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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Principal