

9 December 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

Re: Distance Learning for Year 8

Due to increasing staff absences at The Link Academy, we have now found ourselves in a position where we are unable to continue face to face teaching for all year groups. As a result of these challenges, I have taken the regrettable decision to ask Year 8 learners to remain at home beginning on Friday 10 December 2021 when they will begin online learning from home, up to Friday 17 December 2021 when term ends.

A small number of learners that are required to attend school, will be contacted today by Mrs Brown or a member of the pastoral team.

I have enclosed with this letter, guidance on how to access TEAMS for remote learning. Should your child experience any problems, please email ICTsupport@thelinkacademy.org.uk. Year 8 learners will be provided with online lessons delivered live by some members of the teaching team and also a selection of pre-recorded lessons where appropriate. Our Curriculum Team Leaders are ensuring that your child will receive an excellent quality of online provision for all subjects.

I hope you can understand that we have not taken this decision lightly and all of our Year 8 learners should attend every online lesson as registers will be taken. We will also issue rewards for learners during this time. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, we will ensure that vouchers are issued to support you during this phase of remote learning.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. I would also like to wish you, our Year 8 learners and families a restful and happy festive period.

Yours faithfully



Emma Edwards-Morgan
Principal