

## Trentham Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

During any periods of absence or isolation, it is important students are able to continue with their lessons if they are well enough to do so. We know it can sometimes be difficult to motivate students to work at home and, following feedback from students and parents, we would like to outline the provision we have made to make studying at home as straight forward as possible.

Your child should open Firefly and view the 'Planner' page. This will show their timetable for the day on the right-hand side and the tasks set by subject teachers on the left-hand side. Each subject teacher will set work that reflects the learning in school so students will follow their normal timetable of lessons at home.

The title of each task will have the following format:

**[Subject – Period – Day/Date – Lesson] followed by a brief description for lesson work**  
**[Subject – Period – Day/Date – Homework] followed by a brief description for homework**

Students should complete all 'Lesson' and 'Homework' activities. There may also be 'Starter' tasks for students in the Academy; a student working at home can ignore these as their lesson task will include them.

The work for each lesson should take an hour. If an activity is designed for more than one lesson this will be explained in the main description and the task will be set again on the next timetabled lesson for that subject. If a student requires additional tasks, the following generic resources enable further independent study:

- Mathswatch
- Reading book
- GCSE Pod
- Century Tech
- Bucket List challenge activities (Year 7 & 8)



- Linguascope
- Educake
- BBC Bitesize

For core PE lessons, we will not set written work and ideally students should be active during this time; students can complete any workout on the 'Sworkit' app.

Student progress will be assessed using remote assessment such as Firefly forms and Google forms, or subject specific strategies such as OneNote or Educake. This will mirror the in-class assessments taking place. On returning to the Academy, we expect students to be able to show the activities and work produced in line with the Firefly tasks.

We appreciate the difficulties in supporting remote learning and value your support in ensuring your child does not fall behind in their studies. These arrangements have been put in place not only for students isolating as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, but for any student unable to attend the Academy for other reasons. We know this will support your child to maintain their progress despite any periods of absence and will ensure they can return to the Academy confident they are at the same point as their peers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



**Mike Whittingham**  
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