

## Trentham Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the government announcement two days ago, the academy remains open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. If your child falls into this category and you need your child to attend in person, please email the academy and we will send a separate letter with further details. For all other students our digital blended curriculum is in place. It is essential your child fully engages with all lessons and completes the work set by their teachers. As we enter our second period of closure, we have all adapted and changed our working methods and therefore expect the students to adapt with us. The processes and expectations are as follows:

- All students will follow their normal daily timetable. For each lesson, a daily task will be set on Firefly with the lesson instructions and the Zoom code for them to join. Students must join this session. It is not optional. All teaching staff will be teaching content, checking progress and giving advice/guidance/requirements during these sessions which may vary from a short introductory session through to a full lesson. Students must adhere to Zoom protocols.
- Work to be submitted must be done so as per task instructions. This could be by Firefly, email or using the online learning platforms, for example, MathsWatch, Linguascope, CenturyTech, Educake and OneNote
- A register will be taken every lesson and recorded in line with our usual A2L numbering system. This is as follows:

- 1: Attended Zoom element and completed all work above and beyond expectations
- 2: Attended Zoom element and completed all work
- 3: Missed Zoom or did not complete all the work
- 4: Missed Zoom and did not complete any work to an acceptable standard

We will be carefully monitoring engagement by the students and will advise as appropriate if your child is not meeting our expectations.



### Daily Routine

We know sometimes children find it hard to adapt to new routines; please support us by ensuring their iPad is fully charged and they are ready for our virtual academy day which starts at 8.40am. Also ask them about their learning experience as this is crucial to us continually developing our practice and supports their retention of the information.

### IT issues

We understand that some families have problems with IT equipment or internet connection. It is important we know about this so we are able to offer help and support for your child. If your child is unable to access the curriculum at home, please complete this form to tell us about any access issues:

<https://bit.ly/3naeLPq>

### Finally

As you can imagine, the guidance we receive changes regularly and we will update you as and when our current situation changes. All I can ask in the meantime is that your child works hard and engages with the quality first teaching and our digital blended curriculum we are putting in place again.

I would like to thank you for the lovely messages that have come into the academy over the last few days/weeks regarding how hard the staff are working to support our community. We will continue to strive to provide the best opportunities for your children.

Yours sincerely



Mike Whittingham

Headteacher

