



GIRLS' DAY SCHOOL TRUST

14th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to a successful reduction of pupil numbers in school, we are moving to a slightly different way of working next week. From Monday, all girls attending school will be taught in small year group bubbles by either their class teacher or teacher from the partner class. Teachers will now be able to spend one week teaching in-class and one week fully committed to Google Classroom, therefore improving teachers' capacity to provide more activities/interaction/feedback to those girls working at home.

Attached to this letter is a more detailed outline of what the Junior School remote education will now consist of, including Monday and Friday Google Meet sessions for the girls to interact with each other and the teacher. The times of these sessions will be confirmed on Google Classroom/Tapestry. Also attached to this letter is a 'top tips' guide to pupil participation in these virtual sessions, including advice on setting up a suitable background, not having personal information showing etc.

Each week, one of the teachers in the year group will oversee both Google Classrooms (for example, 3E and 3T). Should you wish to book a drop-in phone call to speak to your daughter/ward's class teacher, our new timetable set-up allows time for this on alternate weeks. You/your daughter/ward may have queries regarding the work set for example. You will be able to request a phone call via Google Classroom/Tapestry (more information on the details of this will follow from the class teacher). The table below shows which week each teacher will be available for contacting:

Teacher availability on Google Classroom/Tapestry and telephone check-ins:					
	Week A	Week B		Week A	Week B
	(beginning 18 Jan)	(beginning 25 Jan)		(beginning 18 Jan)	(beginning 25 Jan)
Reception	Miss Smith	Miss Kimpton			
Year 1	Mrs Smith	Mrs Edwardson/ Mrs Buckley	Year 4	Mrs Crosby	Miss Miller/ Mrs Edwards
Year 2	Miss Sutton	Miss Malone	Year 5	Miss Leeman	Mrs Kingsley
Year 3	Mrs Eggleton	Mrs Tidman	Year 6	Mr Rathe	Mrs Moss

Mrs Greer will be available each Friday for Nursery parents to be contacted. Thank you for your continued support throughout this time.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs M. Ramsbottom Head of Junior School

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