



## Trinity School

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Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for everything that you have done in supporting your children in the current lockdown with their learning. We appreciate that there are complications that home learning brings – so everything you do at home to help your children keep on learning is hugely appreciated by us. All teachers are looking forward to a time when we can see our students in the classroom environment again, but until the government indicates that it is safe to do so we must continue with learning remotely.

It is important to refer to the government's guidance about remote teaching when thinking about the amount of work that students are receiving. The government guidance in its statutory obligations and expectations (which you can find [here](#)) states that:

*The remote education provided should be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school and will include both recorded or live direct teaching time, and time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently. The amount of remote education provided should be, as a minimum... 5 hours a day [for Key Stages 3 and 4].*

Although students will receive a mix of learning (some live lessons, some recorded lessons and some learning tasks) it is important to remember that students at secondary school are expected to be able to learn independently, unless a child has a significant Special Educational Need. This independence is directed by teachers: so that students use the materials shown to them, shared with them, and those they have readily available. Please remember that you can contact us if you are worried about how well your child is engaging with work; we will endeavour to contact you if we have concerns, too. We have a range of support available for those who are finding it difficult to get on with their work at home.

If you are experiencing technical barriers to learning remotely then there are steps that can be taken. Streaming video lessons can put pressure on household data allowances when whole families access the internet. BT Broadband have removed the caps on all broadband plans, so that every customer has unlimited data to use: to support working from home or remote learning. Various companies including O2, EE, Three, Sky Mobile, Vodafone, SMARTY, Tesco Mobile and Virgin Mobile now offer free increases of data allowances to any family that qualifies for Free School Meals. Please contact your child's head of year, if you would like help applying for this.

It is also worth pointing out that Xboxes and Playstations can also be used to access online learning materials; you can find a useful guide to this [here](#).

We would like to put together some information for parents on home learning, but we'd like to know what questions you would like answered. [Please use the form you can find via this link](#) to tell us the questions we can help you by answering. If you have questions for us about remote learning, please respond via the form by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Once again, can we thank you for all you are doing at home to ensure that your children can continue their learning.

Yours faithfully,

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