



5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As I am sure that you are aware, from Monday 11th January 2021 the school will only be open to children of key workers and those who require additional support, have an EHCP, are Looked After and In Care and those with an appointed social worker. This will leave many of you in the position of having to support your child at home with their learning so I can assure you that we have made arrangements to ensure the students receive the best quality of education possible during this uncertain time.

All students who have access to a Wi-fi enabled computer, tablet, laptop, mobile device have been set up on **Google Classrooms**, which is our Virtual Learning platform where lessons will take place.

Access

Your child's username will be the same as their school network login (the one they use to access a school computer) but entered as an email address.

- Your child will have already been given their login details to Google Classroom. The username is made up of the following:
 - The year they started
 - The first initial of their first name
 - The first four letters of their surname
 - With this at the end: @reddish.stockport.sch.uk
 - For example, Joe Bloggs that joined the school in 2020, would have a username of 20jblog@reddish.stockport.sch.uk
- Their password will be the same as they use in school. Should there be any issues with passwords or any Google Classroom access, please can you email googleclassroom@reddish.stockport.sch.uk and we will work with you to solve the issue. More information on how to support your child and help them gain access to Google Classroom can be found at: <https://www.reddish.stockport.sch.uk/page/?title=Google+Classroom&pid=469>
- Most frequent issues are caused whenever someone else is already logged into Google on a computer/device. Please make sure it's your child's account that is logged in and they should be able to access it.
- Other Technical Issues
 - Pupils using Century Tech for English, Maths and Science can get further support here: <https://www.reddish.stockport.sch.uk/news/?pid=7&nid=15&storyid=410>
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Issues with Technology At Home

In the first term, we gathered information as to which technology you had at home. If you have not yet completed this, please can you complete this survey on:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TechSurvey28920>

Students who do not have access to the internet/device will be provided with work packs from their subject teachers. Additional work and resources will be provided if the school closure period extends. Year teams will finalise this in the coming days to ensure that work packs are provided from next week. We will also be looking at distributing laptops/wifi dongles to support pupils, however these are in limited supply.

Daily Pastoral Check In

Our Year Teams will continue to monitor and support your child by ensuring they engage in the above daily. Pupils will receive a daily message from their Head of Year via Google Classroom. Pupils must respond to this message by 9:30am. If this has not occurred, Year Teams will contact you via email/text message in the first instance, followed by a phone call if repeated.

Teaching and Learning

Live lessons – compared with the previous Lockdown last academic year, more of your child's lessons will be done via Zoom for live lessons and Screencastify, where your child's teacher will pre-record segments of the lesson to discuss for your child to access when doing their lessons. Lessons will run at the same time as their timetable, but we appreciate as a family you may need to schedule study time with your child flexibly. We understand that your child may not be able to stick to the times of a normal school day and may choose to work in the evenings and that all of this is subject to their ability to access IT.

Staff will maintain contact with pupils, giving feedback to work via Google Classrooms and other learning platforms, if you need to contact any teachers direct, their email addresses can be found on our website in the information tab – Subject Teachers Email addresses

<https://www.reddish.stockport.sch.uk/page/?title=Subject+Teachers+Email+Addresses&pid=470>

We also encourage your child to take regular breaks from their devices, whether using them for learning or social activities, and give them opportunities to exercise, get fed and watered before returning to their learning.

Consultation Evenings during Half Term 3

We still intend to run school reporting systems as close to normal and will still aim to conduct virtual parents' evenings as scheduled:

Consultation Evening Dates – information for these evenings will be available via:

<https://www.reddish.stockport.sch.uk/news/?pid=7&nid=15&storyid=1441>

- Year 10 21/01/21 – this was originally scheduled for 14/01 but we have moved this back a week.
- Year 9 04/02/21 – information for this will be made available in the coming weeks