



21<sup>st</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

### **Headteacher Update 21st January 2021**

Now we are three weeks into the new term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your efforts during this period of school closure and remote learning. The support, encouragement and interest you show in your child's education whilst they are at home, without doubt, helps to keep them motivated and engaged in their learning.

### **School Closure / INSET Day**

A reminder to all parents that the school will be closed on Friday 12th February, as planned in the school calendar. This is a staff training (INSET) day and as such, like any normal INSET day there will be no scheduled lessons or remote learning. The school will also be closed to all vulnerable students and children of critical workers.

### **Punctuality, Remote Lessons and Tutor Time**

It is important that students arrive punctually to all their remote lessons. Late arrival can impact 'live' lesson delivery and can mean they miss important information from their teacher. Please reinforce with your child the importance of a prompt arrival to each virtual lesson.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students that teachers will not be able to provide full one hour live lessons for each and every period of the school day. Teachers have the ambition to ensure that the majority of lessons have a 'live' element. This may include an introduction or learning task set at the start of the lesson, through to a full hour of contact with students. Work will be provided for every lesson or a series of lessons. Teachers will be using live contact with students to check understanding and gather feedback. It is therefore important that students continue to follow their daily timetable and attend each lesson to check the latest update.

### **Technical Support**

Thank you to those parents that have made contact with us for computer support. The school has now issued close to 100 computers to students at home. We are purchasing further devices to distribute to families in need of home learning technology. If your child does not have computer access at home, they may be struggling to do their home learning on a mobile phone; contact the school immediately and we will endeavour to get a computer to you as soon as possible. For technical assistance please email: Mr Lucas on [d.lucas@marshlandhigh.co.uk](mailto:d.lucas@marshlandhigh.co.uk) or telephone the school or Mr Lucas on 07539 066451 (please leave your name and contact details on the answerphone).

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing Support**

The NHS Every Mind Matters website has been relaunched this week – for helpful tips and advice please visit [www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/](http://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/)

You may also find the following link helpful in supporting your child's mental wellbeing at this time

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

### **Feedback from Parents**

All our teachers and support staff are working incredibly hard to adapt their planned delivery to support students learning remotely. We would welcome your views on our remote learning provision. I would like to invite you to complete this remote learning survey with your feedback to help us review and update our plans over the coming weeks.

We wish you and your family the best of health in these uncertain times.

Yours faithfully  
Mr Craig Jansen