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Dear Parent/Guardian

Online Provision and Pop-up School

I wanted to write to you this morning to give you a quick update on how yesterday and Tuesday went with our online learning beginning alongside our 'pop-up' school.

Overall, we were delighted that around 85% of student population actively engaged across the school day with several percent also engaging for a proportion of the day. As ever, one of our main tasks will be to ensure that this proportion increase even more over the next few days. We do have access to SIM cards, laptops and dongles so if anyone does have a technology problem preventing them from accessing their online provision please contact Mrs Benham on n.benham1@maidenerleghtrust.org who will do her best to support any requests.

For 99.9% of the students, conduct in our online lessons has been impeccable, but I just wanted to share a link with you to our acceptable use of ICT document that is on the website and a link can be found [here](#).

If students are disrupting the learning of others or conducting themselves in a way that is deemed inappropriate or offensive, they will still be subject to the sanctions of the school. Whilst it is obvious we won't be running detentions or any onsite school sanctions we would clearly liaise with home if there was a need to but our sanctions could range all the way up to an exclusion if necessary.

As shared in the information sent out yesterday, we will be recording and monitoring student attendance and engagement with online provision during this period of lockdown. **Student's individual attendance figures are unaffected by the codes we are using.** If, as a parent, you use the SIMS Parent App to track your own son/daughter's attendance you might see the following 'irregular' codes:

- X – this is the official code the DfE have asked us to use during this period of time for 'Daily school attendance'. All students* will be coded as this. (*some limited cases where an O will be used).
- A / N – these are the codes we are using internally to track 'attendance' at online lessons. The A indicated attended (i.e. logged in and engaged with work). The N indicates Not Attended. Teaching staff have been asked to use these codes in SIMS so that we can easily track if students are missing lessons – this will help us prioritise where we might need to look at offering additional support to students to help them access work.

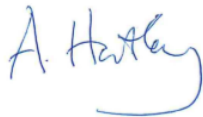
If your son/daughter has not logged in to the AM tutor session on a given day you will receive an email from the school alerting you to this. This is part of our ongoing safeguarding measures. If students do not attend a particular lesson during the day then under the direction of HOY students / parents may be contact by either the tutor or subject teacher in the first

instance. Information regarding access to Google Classroom can be found contained in the information shared yesterday and Google Classroom Codes have been re-shared by staff on Show My Homework.

We will be contacting you next week to garner feedback of how our provision is working under the new expectations, but please do not hesitate to contact us in the meantime if you have any positive feedback or if you feel we could improve things further. A huge thank you to the large number of parents who have posted so positively on various social media forums - it is so heartening for staff to see this feedback and feel their efforts in these quite tricky times are being recognised.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully



Andy Hartley
Headteacher