

## Headteacher's Blog 18<sup>th</sup> September - Remote Learning Plan

The first three weeks of term seem to have flown by and students and staff are now well into the swing of it. It is wonderful to have the students back in classrooms and there have been some fabulous examples of student achievement this week in lessons. However, it is important that we prepare for what will happen if students have to be at home whether this is due to individuals isolating, groups of students, whole year groups or even the whole school. You may have heard in the news of schools where year groups have had to be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days and this could happen at Coleshill if we have students testing positive.

I want to reassure you that we are working hard to prepare for remote teaching and learning, should it be needed. Firstly I would like to define remote teaching and learning.

**Remote teaching** - this is where teachers will be teaching their class via Microsoft Teams. Students will have two 'live' lessons a day. If this is needed, because their year group or the whole school is at home, your child will receive a letter indicating which lessons need to be attended. Live lessons may take a number of formats, but will involve interaction with the teacher and learning and activities being set within a lesson for your child's class. It is important to remember that teachers will still be in school, teaching the students in school and so two live lessons is what we felt was appropriate for staff to deliver and for students to access.

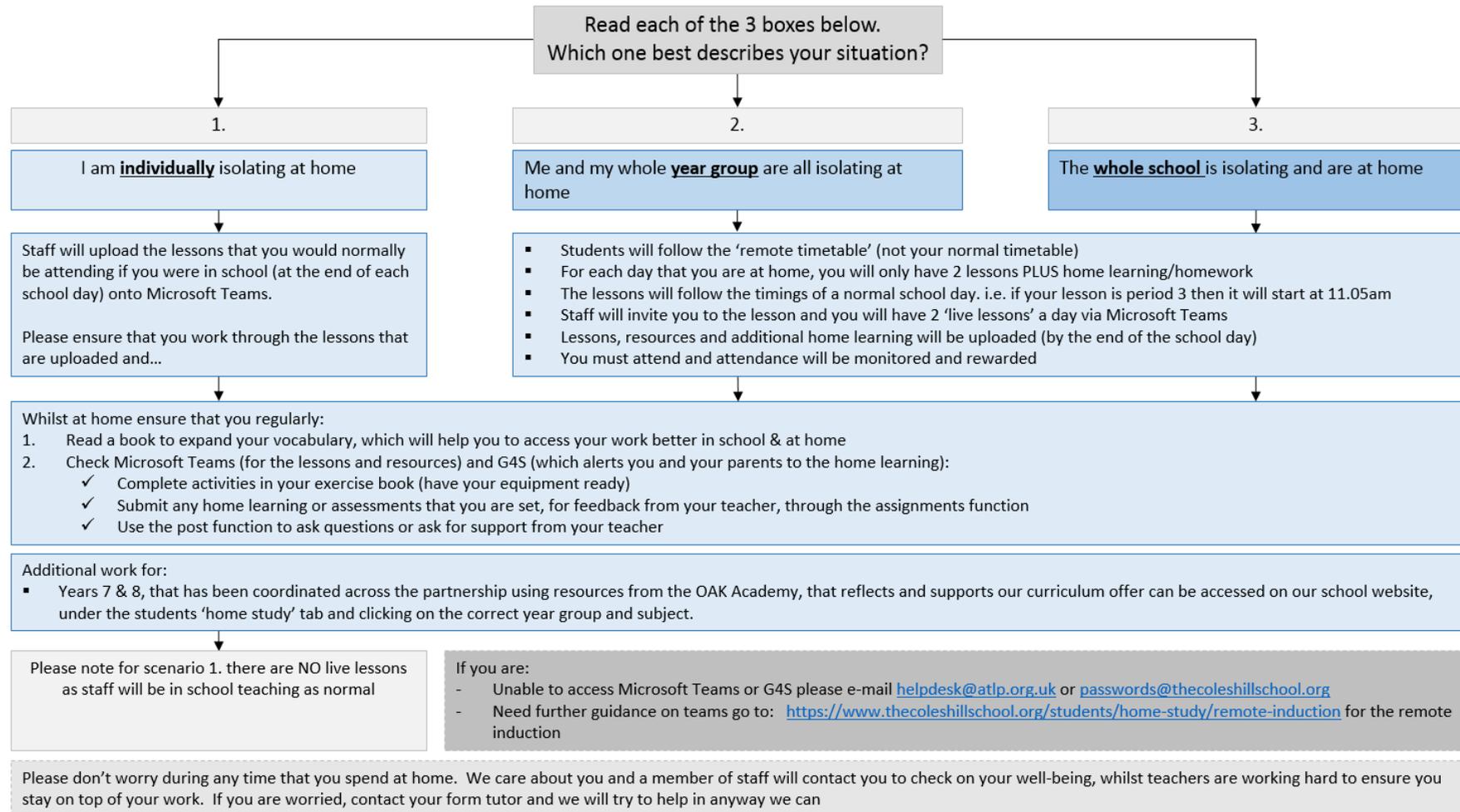
**Remote learning** – this is where learning activities have been set by your child's teacher to complete whilst not in school and return for feedback, usually via Microsoft Teams. Teachers may also direct students in Year 7 & 8 towards **Oak Academy**, which is a national platform for remote learning and has a range of resources and lessons. We have looked to see where these lessons and resources complement our curriculum so there will be continuity in your child's learning. These activities will be available to complete when students are not attending live lessons, alongside any additional activities set for your child to complete independently by their class teacher.

Students should by now have all accessed **Microsoft Teams**, which will be our main learning platform for remote teaching and learning. Where a student is having difficulty with this they can use one of the links below.

- For email or password help or any issues with TEAMS, please e-mail: [passwords@thecoleshillschool.org](mailto:passwords@thecoleshillschool.org) OR speak to their form tutor
- For the induction PP on how to use teams please follow the link <https://www.thecoleshillschool.org/students/home-study/remote-induction>

Where there are significant barriers with technology we will be able to provide some work packs to ensure students can continue to learn.

The flow chart below sets out what will be happening, from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, for students who are off school. This information will also be shared with students.



I hope this sets out clearly for you what will be happening for students who are not in school.

Have a good weekend.

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