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Dear Parents and carers,

I am writing to thank you and asking for your support in these uncertain times in your child's education. As we are currently learning at home, we have introduced some live lessons led by our teachers to help improve your child's learning experience and ensure that they continue to make progress. These lessons are delivered via Teams and a laptop/computer or Chromebook is the easiest way to access all the functions. A timetable has been put together to ensure that all students are still following our curriculum. Students are emailed a direct invitation to each of their lessons. When they accept it will then appear in their Teams calendar.

Teachers will deliver the lesson using live video/audio and/ or power point. Students will not be visible to staff during the live lessons and all lessons will be recorded as they happen. We intend the lessons to provide the following opportunities for students:

- To see and hear their teacher in a more engaging platform
- To have some new learning and content shared and delivered by your teacher in our usual lesson format
- To check on the learning that has been completed in the lesson and address any misconceptions

Although we have provided training for staff and attempted to resolve any potential problems, inevitably there will be some teething issues at the start of the process as teachers and students adapt to a new style of delivery. We would ask that you are patient and let us know if you have any concerns.

Staying safe during live lessons and behaving respectfully

It is incredibly important that we ensure students are safeguarded when they are online so we will be advising students who participate in the live lessons to follow some simple rules. We will be directing students to abide by the following points and would appreciate you sharing these with your child and your support:

- Cameras must be off, so students are visible to their teacher
- Mics will be muted; the chat function will be used to communicate (this is so your noise does not stop others from hearing what is being said)
- Please raise your hand when you want to speak, and the teacher will invite you to speak at an appropriate time in the lesson
- Use proper English when writing comments or typing questions. Avoid slang and any bad language. Remember this is a lesson and normal expectations apply
- Do not comment on other people's comments in a negative way, only use the chat function when asked to by your teacher. The chat function is for learning only i.e. answering questions posed

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What can you do as a parent to support us and your child's learning?

- Ensure students attend all lessons, if they miss the lesson this will have an impact on their progress and they will fall behind
- Make sure they are organised i.e. pen, paper, notepad, headphones etc
- Provide a quiet space for them to work and ensure there are no other distractions i.e. phones or computer games (just like in school)
- Where possible check in on and them and make sure they are engaging in their learning

Myself, Miss Columbine and Mr Roberts have been into many of your children's lessons across the week and we have been so pleased with the commitment and levels of engagement shown. Please tell your children how proud we are of them and their efforts. We have launched 'Log in to Win' this week which will lead to a prize draw recognising pupils' efforts to get involved and continue their learning during this challenging time.

Finally, Mr Roberts has been doing a Daily Morning Briefing available on our YouTube channel to keep you up to date with all the various news and information from our school as well as what is happening in education as a whole. Please keep an eye on our twitter channel @AlbionAcademy, and our YouTube channel. We will as ever continue with the weekly NewsFlash as a summary of what has gone on in school and what is coming up in the future.

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