



Live learning during school closure - January 2021

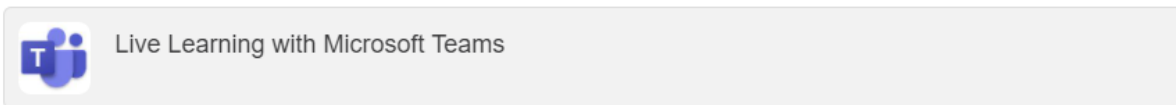
Following the announcement from the Government, all students will access remote learning for the duration of Term 3 2021.

How can I prepare my child for this?

Pupils in Years 8-10 and Year 13 will be familiar with Microsoft Teams from their live lessons in Term 6 of the last academic year. Pupils in Years 7 and 12 will have been shown how Teams works during tutor sessions. Microsoft Teams is compatible with a full range of devices such as desktop computers, laptops, tablets and smart phones.

It would be a good idea for all pupils (and parents) to watch the pupil training videos on Frog to remind themselves of the key functions of Teams, that they will need to know how to use, for their live lessons. Below is a screenshot of the relevant link in Frog where all information can be read and watched.

Please read the following information and watch the videos which explain how Live Learning on Microsoft Teams works



How will live lessons work?

Live lessons will be delivered for all subjects with the exception of Core PE and study sessions for Year 10 and 11. We will be following the usual school timings and pupils will follow their normal timetable; the week beginning Monday 4 January is a Week 1b.

What will happen in live lessons?

1. Pupils will enter the class channel at the start of their lesson. **We are now making it clear to students that we expect them to have their cameras on.** The teacher will take a register and start the lesson
2. During the lesson the teacher will ask pupils to complete tasks – this will come with the instruction for them to mute their microphones and turn off their cameras to complete the work set. The teacher will ask them to re-join at an agreed time. The teacher will remain on the channel to provide help or for any questions
3. When pupils re-join, their learning will be checked. It is likely that this cycle will be repeated throughout the lesson
4. At the end of the lesson the teacher might give home learning which will be set in the usual way as a Frog assignment

Are live lessons compulsory?

Yes. Our intention is to keep teaching the curriculum as normal and not attending lessons will mean your child may find themselves behind the understanding of their class when school reopens.

If your child is too unwell to attend live lessons, please contact the school in the usual way to report their absence.

Will tutor time still take place?

Yes, as usual on a Tuesday and Thursday morning. This is likely to be shorter than usual but remains the ideal way to communicate key information to pupils.

What happens if the IT fails?

In the case of IT failing your child should email their relevant teacher to let them know. This is so they can be sent the work to complete.

Why is having cameras switched on important?

Feedback from parents, pupils and teachers agree that live lessons work best when teachers can see their pupils. This makes checking for understanding easier and makes the lesson more engaging. Please reinforce this expectation with your child and also remind them of the importance of dressing appropriately for live lessons and blurring their background; instructions on how to do this can be found on the Teams training site mentioned above.