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Dear Parents and Carers

Remote Learning Agreement 2020

Thank you for your on- going support during the current school closure. We will be continuing to use Class Charts to aid the remote learning opportunities for our students. Our teachers are also using a range of methods for students to upload work, complete quizzes and communicate with teachers.

As this is a developing element of our teaching and learning provision, we need to ensure that all parties are protected and aware of expected behaviours on line, which of course, will also secure good habits for the future. Our on line platforms will be monitored, as they are during normal times, and this will continue to provide protection to both staff and students. We have outlined a set of Remote Learning Agreement behaviours, which we would like you to read through with your child. On class charts, we will ask students to submit a response to this agreement using a short questionnaire.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you about the resources available to help you monitor on line behaviour of your child. This includes setting age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and applying internet filters to block malicious websites. These are usually free, but often need to be turned on.

For any further information, please refer to the recommended resources below to support you to keep your child safe on line:

- Thinkuknow provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online
- <u>Parent info</u> is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- <u>Childnet</u> offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support
- <u>Internet matters</u> provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world
- <u>Net-aware</u> has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, including a guide to social networks, apps and games

- <u>Let's Talk About It</u> has advice for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation
- <u>UK Safer Internet Centre</u> has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services

Remote Learning Agreement for Students:

- I will be respectful towards my teachers and other students at all times.
- I will not copy anything from class charts, school emails, Microsoft Teams or other platforms used by teachers, and place on any other on-line platform or social media.
- I will not record any part of an audio or video call (Key Stages 4 and 5)
- I agree that my teacher may record any live video calls to ensure the safety of all pupils and staff involved (Key Stages 4 and 5)
- If emailing teachers, I will use my school email (unless in an emergency if I can't find my password)
- I will maintain the same standards of behaviour when using technology at home as I would do in school knowing that all of Microsoft is monitored by school.
- If I am involved in a live lesson, I will keep my camera switched off and will never record this for myself.
- I understand that only the teacher will have the ability to schedule any form of live lesson, and this will be by invite only so that the students joining are monitored.
- I understand that deliberately breaking any of this agreement, may result in a sanction.

If you or your child are worried about anything at all, including any of their work and need to contact school, all students can do this by emailing their teachers, pastoral managers or office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk, or by using the Contact Us page on the school website. Pupils are encouraged to use their school email if they can. If your child doesn't have this, they should ask for it when they make contact through any of the means detailed above.

Many thanks for your support in these matters,

Yours faithfully

Ms K Read

Deputy Head Teacher