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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister that a new national lockdown will begin from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, the academy will be closed to all students apart from those designated as vulnerable or the children of critical workers.

Students identified as vulnerable should continue to attend the academy as normal at their staggered start time. They will be engaged in accessing the remote curriculum offer as per other students not attending the academy. As communicated previously, the academy will continue to offer a provision if needed for the children of critical workers. If you are identified as a critical worker by the government and would like your child to attend please contact us at [GAS-covid@graceacademy.org.uk](mailto:GAS-covid@graceacademy.org.uk).

### **Remote Learning arrangements**

For students in years 7-13, online learning provision will consist of remote curriculum and live lessons.

### **Remote Curriculum:**

To support your child working from home we have created a bespoke remote learning curriculum for each year group that directly links to our school's high curriculum expectations. This remote curriculum has been accessible from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January by **clicking the *Remote Learning Curriculum* button** on our academy website and then clicking through to the Remote Learning (COVID) page. To access you will require your Grace Academy email address ([ac0100\\*\\*\\*\\*@graceacademy.org.uk](mailto:ac0100****@graceacademy.org.uk)). If you have any issues logging on please email: [help@gas-ict.on.spiceworks.com](mailto:help@gas-ict.on.spiceworks.com)

When students follow this link they will find a timetable that will provide you with a week of work following a similar timetable to that which students would have in school. **At the end of each day there is a learning review form to complete** which their Head of Year will review and their teachers will use to gauge how well they are progressing through the curriculum. These responses will be reviewed to ensure that students are making the expected effort to keep up with their studies. The Assistant Heads of Year will be following up with any students who are not accessing the remote curriculum.

These remote education resources have been selected to allow access to high-quality online resources and teaching videos that directly link to the school's curriculum expectations.

### **Live Online Lessons:**

To supplement the timetabled distance learning, **from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of January** we will be delivering live online English, maths, science and humanities lessons to all students in years 7-11. These live online lessons which students can access from home will give them an opportunity to work through material with direction from a teacher and to ask questions. During each of the lessons there will be a question and answer session so that students can also ask about other remote learning activities they have been completing.

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We have considered at length the safety and privacy of your children and all concerned. These lessons will be broadcast on a live stream from a studio in the academy and there will be no video feed from your son/daughter's computer to either the school or other students. Students will be able to interact with the teacher and ask questions by emailing throughout each session; these messages are private so they do not need to be worried about other students seeing their questions.

These lessons will be delivered throughout the day from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of January, and students should then complete additional tasks from the remote learning curriculum as per their timetable. As always to safeguard our students your son/daughter will need to access this with their school email address and password.

### **Support accessing online resources**

If you feel your son/daughter might experience difficulty in accessing the bespoke remote curriculum please contact the academy and we can discuss how we can support them.

### **Free school meals**

If your child is entitled to free school meals, the academy will be providing a weekly food pack that can be collected direct from us. If you want to take up this offer please email the academy at [solihull@graceacademy.org.uk](mailto:solihull@graceacademy.org.uk) or phone the office and we will create a food pack for you. The food packs will be ready for collection from 1pm.

### **Examinations**

It was also announced that external examinations in the summer will not proceed as originally planned. The amended arrangements for assessments of examination year groups have not yet been confirmed and we will keep you updated. As always we will do everything we can to support students through this challenging period.

**Yours sincerely**

**Mr D Gelder**  
**Principal- For and on behalf of Tove Learning Trust**