

Friday, 15 January 2021

Re: Updates to remote learning at Leytonstone School

Dear parents and carers,

We would like to thank you all for the support and feedback you've provided us regarding our remote learning provision. As a school we are continuing to learn, review and adapt to provide the best possible learning experiences for our pupils, and your support and insight has been instrumental.

Recently, Ofsted published a report on what constitutes effective remote learning. You can read the full report [HERE](#). In this report they dispel some common myths about remote education, including:

- remote education is not fundamentally different to other forms of teaching/learning
- remote education should not be a different curriculum/offer to the content that would be delivered normally
- the best forms of remote education are not necessarily digital
- the best way to deliver remote education is not always through live lessons
- the most important thing about remote education is pupils' engagement

We will be making the following adjustments to our provision:

1. Pupils in KS3 will be following a slightly reduced timetable. This will mean pupils have at least **four 30 minute instructional lessons** (leading on to further independent work) on average per day.

KS4 pupils will continue to follow their normal timetable of **three 60 minute instructional lessons** per day.

The new timetables for KS3 pupils are available [HERE](#) on the school website.

2. Staff will be **delivering at least one instance of direct instruction per week** – this may be live, or pre-recorded – with the remainder of weekly activities built around that instruction or leading to that instruction. We are committed to finding equitable ways for all pupils to engage with their learning using a more blended approach that is considerate of access to technology and screen time.
3. **Fridays are being set aside by staff to read, acknowledge, assess and provide feedback for pupils on their work.** This will be celebrated publicly within classes, across year groups and using the school's social media accounts. Students will be set independent work to complete on Fridays.
4. **No extra home learning tasks will be set while our main curriculum is being delivered remotely.** Optional extension and enrichment activities, for pupils who are willing and able, will be provided, and we will be encouraging alternate learning experiences where possible.

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5. **We are hopeful that extra-curricular activities will soon be able to re-start remotely**, to provide alternate learning experiences and opportunities for pupils to engage with one another and in the school community. More information will follow.

As always, we encourage you to reach out and share your feedback and the experience of your child. Understanding our provision from your family's point of view is so important to us. Please reach out to us at: school@leytonstone.waltham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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