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Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter brings a reminder and an important update on home learning aka homework.

INSET DAY tomorrow

Firstly, a reminder that Friday 18th September is an INSET day and school is closed to students, as per our published calendar. Please do not send students into school. We will reopen on Monday 21st September from 8.25 am. Any student illness related to COVID or COVID test results should still be reported into school on the INSET day using email or our phone message system.

Home Learning moving to “Teams “

Thank you for bearing with us whilst we transition to a new homework system at Fairfield. All Home learning or extended learning will now be uploaded by subject teachers to students' accounts on TEAMS along with any necessary resources students require to complete tasks. We will no longer be using “Show my Homework”. Paper copies of the activities set will be available for any students without IT access. Deadlines should be recorded by students in their planners as well as being on TEAMS.

We are moving towards TEAMS to streamline the breadth of technology used by students, plus it is more interactive so allows for far more feedback from teachers to pupils.

Over the coming weeks all students will receive full TEAMS training during tutor time. During the session students will:

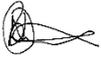
- Log in to Office 0365
- Open Teams and understand how the groups work
- Open and complete an assignment
- Learn how to use the video call feature
- Place a sticker with their login details into their planners

The school website will be updated under the home learning section and will include some further help for parents and students on using TEAMS on different devices along with video guidance.

We are aware there are still some limits on the system, i.e. parental overview or calendar of work, and we are working with our trust partners to resolve these, however if you have any questions please direct to tutors who will be able to help.

Regards

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