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اگر آپ اس پیغام کو اردو میں ترجمہ کرنا چاہتے ہیں تو براہ کرم ہماری ویب سائٹ ملاحظہ کریں اور "ترجمہ" ٹیب پر کلک کریں

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you and your families are safe and well in what continue to be difficult times.

We recently sent a survey regarding our remote learning provision to parents and pupils. Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete it.

### **Parent Survey**

Over 80% of parents strongly agreed or agreed that the school provides good and appropriate quality remote learning work.

### **Student Survey**

Over 90% of students strongly agreed or agreed that they knew how to complete the work set and knew where to access help if needed with the remote work set.

### **Live Lessons / Recorded Lessons**

Some parents have asked that all lessons are to be taught live; however, this is not considered to be best practice and Ofsted has stated that live lessons are not the 'gold standard.'

We are providing 5 hours of remote learning per day. The lessons provided will match your son's timetable. If you need a copy of your son's timetable, please contact school.

We know how best to support your son and we will continue to ensure that he makes excellent progress. Burnage Academy is in the top 3% of schools in the NW for boys' progress and our staff are best placed to help your son.

All of our lessons are either pre-recorded and posted on Microsoft Teams or will be delivered live via Microsoft Teams. A pre-recorded lesson will last for approximately 20 minutes, accompanied by 40 minutes of independent work; a live lesson will last for up to 30 minutes, accompanied by 30 minutes of independent work.

It is very important that your son has time away from the computer. Please encourage him to do some exercise in the fresh air – this must be undertaken in line with Government guidance around exercising with one other person outside of your family or household.



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## Remote Learning from February 22nd 2021

We know that remote learning will continue for a significant amount of time during the next half term.

Having considered your feedback comments, we are making the following changes to our remote learning provision:

- Your son will now have a daily form time at 09.15am. This will be live on Microsoft Teams. There may be occasions when your son's form tutor is not available; however, we will advise him of this via Microsoft Teams.
- **KS3** – your son will have at least 1 live lesson in the core subjects (English, Maths and Science) per week; your son will have at least 1 live lesson in the foundation subjects (MFL, Humanities, PE, Technology, Art, Computing, Drama) per fortnight.
- **KS4** - your son will have at least 2 live lessons in the core subjects (English, Maths and Science) per week; your son will have at least 2 live lessons in the foundation subjects (MFL, Humanities, PE, Technology, Art, Computing, Drama) per fortnight.

## Welfare

We recognise that these are very difficult times and we are here to support you and your son. Each pupil has access to a 'House Page' on MS Teams co-ordinated by a Pastoral Middle Leader. Here there is regular updated signposting and support linked to safeguarding issues such as mental health, general wellbeing, exercise, domestic violence, e-safety and who to speak with if the pupils need support.

## Returning to school

In the next few weeks we should hear from the Department of Education about possible return to school dates.

We will inform you when your son will be returning to school as soon as this announcement is made.

All our information about remote learning, including the curriculum your son will be following in each subject, is available on the school website: <https://burnage.manchester.sch.uk/parents-and-students/home-learning>

If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding our remote learning provision, please contact our Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum), Ms Carter, who leads our remote learning provision: [h.carter@burnage.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:h.carter@burnage.manchester.sch.uk)

Please do get in touch if you need our support.

Best wishes,



**Karl Harrison**  
Headteacher



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