



Friday 8th January 2021

Review: 15—Headteacher's Update

Dear all,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. As I mentioned in my earlier email this week, this weekly newsletter will continue in order to allow the school to communicate important information and updates.

Here are this week's headlines and notices:

Remote Learning

I have been very pleased with the start that everyone has made to Remote Teaching. Staff and students are adapting well to the new way of working and in particular to the introduction of more live lessons on MS Teams.

We are of course still learning but I do hope parents can see the improved efforts the school and staff are putting into this. Research shows that it is important to provide a wide variety of approaches to remote learning which is why not all lessons are live. I must add that it has been a real joy walking around the school and watching teachers teaching on-line with the students and seeing our critical worker students accessing the lessons on line too.

Please do continue to send us feedback so that we can continue to improve further.



Covid-Testing in School

A massive thank you to those parents who have responded to our request for volunteers. We have had 10 replies so far which is great, but we would always welcome more support. We are going to start trialling the testing with those students and staff who are currently on site, so that we are ready for when all students do return to school.

Reporting Positive Cases

There is no longer a need to let the school know if your child has tested positive, unless they attend our Critical Worker School. However, if your child is ill (either from Covid and other virus), and will be unable to attend the live lessons, please inform the attendance officer as normal.

attendance@robertbarclayacademy.co.uk



Devices and wi-fi

Thank you to those parents who have emailed in requesting support with additional devices and wi-fi. To date, we have provided 20 laptops and 5 iPads. We have ordered some more devices so if you do need any support, please email us at: admin@robertbarclayacademy.co.uk I am committed to ensuring all students have the device they need to learn from home. For students in Year 7, 8 and 9 – we have ordered your iPads and as soon as they arrive, we plan to get these out to you. Unfortunately, due to the world demand for iPads at the moment, we have been told to expect a delay in the delivery.



Exercise Books

We are aware that some students have left their exercise books and art portfolios at school. These can be collected from the school from Monday of next week. Please report to Main Reception where you will be directed to the Hall to collect your child's exercise books. If you have any queries around this, please call the school or email:

admin@robertbarclayacademy.co.uk

Cyber Bullying

With more time being spent on line, we know from the previous lockdown that there is potential for there to be increased opportunities for cyber bullying. We want to make it clear that cyber bullying, whether done in school or at home, will not be tolerated and we will deal with this and involve the Police where necessary. Every child has a right to feel safe and happy and we all have a duty to ensure this. The Heads of Years will be sending out more details around this shortly.



“Stay positive and happy. Work hard and don't give up hope. Be open to criticism and keep learning. Surround yourself with happy, warm and genuine people”

(Tena Desae)

Enjoy the weekend.

Ced de la Croix
Headteacher

