

22 January 2021

Dear Parent

### **TCA update letter – 22 January 2021**

I hope you and your families are keeping well. The end of this week signals halfway through this current school closure period and I eagerly wait for confirmation of when schools can reopen. Yesterday, Education Secretary Gavin Williamson said that the Government hopes to give parents and teachers two weeks' notice ahead of schools reopening. This will hopefully mean we will have an update by the end of next week. We will of course keep you updated as we receive further information.

### **Remote learning**

I would like to start by thanking you for your support with ensuring your child is logging into their school account to access their lessons. This is in order for us to make further developments and enhance the learning experience going forward which we will communicate in due course. Links to lessons will continue to be posted as flexible tasks in Satchel:One for students. It is our expectation that students participate in the live lessons and complete work and homework set as they would normally in school. The link to the breakdown of the learning provision is [here](#). During the two weeks, we will be undertaking an evaluation of student and parent feedback and will then look at further developments we can implement to help support you and your child as best as possible with their learning.

### **Informing us of student absence and school response to low attendance to lessons**

Attendance and engagement has continued to be very good this week. If your child is not able to access lessons due to absence, please inform us as per the normal attendance processes. We continue to track attendance to lessons on a lesson by lesson basis. Parents will be messaged if their child does not engage in lessons. Further non-attendance will result in phone calls and subsequent home visits as needed. **It is an expectation that all students engage in learning every day.** Staff will actively reward those that do and follow up where there is cause for concern.

### **Parent and Student Surveys**

We are keen ascertain your experience of our remote learning provision and provide an opportunity for both students and parents to give feedback. Parents will receive a link to this survey via email. A link to the student survey will be posted on Satchel:One as a flexible task. The deadline for all responses is Friday 29 January. I thank you in advance for taking the time to provide this feedback.

### **Holocaust Memorial Day 27 January 2021**

Holocaust Memorial Day is a day of international importance, marked by events all around the world, that takes place every year on 27 January; the date marking the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. It remembers the six million Jews who were murdered during the Holocaust, as well as millions of others killed in subsequent genocides that have followed. This includes those in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and the ongoing atrocities in Darfur.

This year, as the world prepares to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust, The Holocaust Education Trust have invited students in Years 9-13 to a live webcast on Tuesday 26 January at 10:00 that includes the testimony of a Holocaust survivor. As a school we believe that it is important, now more than ever, that as many students as possible are able to access the first-

hand testimony of Holocaust survivors. This will be followed by a whole school assembly on Wednesday 27 to ensure that all year groups have an opportunity to reflect on the events of the past and today. Holocaust Memorial Day is for everyone, and each year across the UK, thousands of people come together to learn more about the past and take action to create a safer future.

### **Virtual Opportunities Programme**

I have always been proud of the opportunities that we offer students outside of the taught curriculum as part of the wider curriculum. Next week, families will receive details of our virtual opportunities offer and a link to a Microsoft Form to register their interest. Further details will be posted on our website and please encourage your child to get involved.

### **Progress reports**

As a result of school closure some assessments were necessarily postponed. These assessments are now happening in remote lesson time where it is possible to do so. The Trust has reviewed the schedule for progress reports, and I can confirm that all reports due before the February half term are delayed. We will update the website once we can the new report cycle. Please continue to communicate with your child's tutor if you have any questions or would like to talk about any aspect of your child's achievement.

### **Accessing remote lessons**

As of today, we are not aware of anyone who is not able to access our remote learning provision. If your circumstances change, please contact Mrs Watson, Assistant Headteacher either via the school text inbox, by phone or email to [l.watson@theacademycarlton.org](mailto:l.watson@theacademycarlton.org) and we will endeavour to assist you.

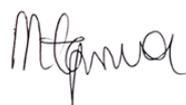
### **Free school meals and vouchers**

Students in all years who are in receipt of free school meals have received a further £30 Tesco voucher from school this week, which covers the period up until Friday 5 February. If you have not received this, please let us know asap and we will help you.

### **Testing**

Information regarding Testing can be found on the front of our website and the current testing arrangements for those attending the critical worker provision continue. As a reminder, please do ensure that you have completed the consent form on our website if you wish your child to be tested, if this becomes available to them. It is vital that you do not send students into school if they have any symptoms of COVID-19 or are in a contact of anyone who has tested positive.

Thank you for your ongoing support,



Ms Egwuma  
Head

of

School