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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your continued support with our remote education programme at home. IN the virtual world in which we are living, an emphasis on online safety for students has never been more important. Therefore, I wanted to write to you explaining how you can ensure you child is working in a safe online environment. I hope that the tips and resources below are useful to you.

It has never been more important to discuss the awareness of staying safe when online and where you can get help. The following website has some fun activities and games for you to try in your own time:

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-11-19s

It is advised parents and carers should set age-appropriate parental controls on all digital devices your child is using. Use internet filters to block malicious websites. These are usually free but need to be turned on:

www.Thinkuknow.co.uk provides resource for parents, carers and children of all ages to help keep safe online.

www.parentinfo.org provides support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations.

www.internetmatters.org provides age specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set up parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to get the most out of their digital world.

www.saferinternet.org.uk has tips, advice and guides, including parental controls and safety tools for online social networks and other online services.

We continue to educate students regarding online safety through our tutor time and assembly programme, PSHEC, and IT curricula.

In addition, your child's pastoral manager is always available to speak to you should you or your child be worried about anything online or please use the "Report a concern" button on the school website – https://www.lighthall.co.uk/. This is checked daily.

Finally, having taken on board the feedback you and your children have provided and the advice of our teaching and pastoral staff, we have decided that from Monday 22nd February, students will receive 5 No. 50 minute lessons per day. The timings of the remote day are as follows:

- Tutor Time   8.45am
- Period 1   9.05am – 9.55am
- Period 2   10.05am – 10.55am
- Period 3   11.25am – 12.15pm
- Period 4   12.25pm – 1.15pm
- Period 5   2.00pm – 2.50pm

We hope that this will enable everyone to have adequate time to move away from the screen, stretch their legs and rest their eyes etc, between each learning input.

Thank you again for all your help and support at home, in these challenging times. We know how difficult this can be and are very grateful to your continued tremendous effort. I do hope you, and your families, can enjoy the half term break.

Yours sincerely

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