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Roding Valley
HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carers

As we are now well into the second half of the first term it is imperative that attendance remains high. It is vital that students make the most of every opportunity they have available to them. At Roding Valley we expect students to aim to have an attendance of above 96% as we recognise the strong link between attendance and progress. The government has made the decision to keep schools open as they have recognised the strict safety procedures that have been adopted. It is therefore compulsory for all students to attend school unless they have valid medical reasons. While we appreciate some students' attendance has been negatively affected by the current situation we would like to highlight the measures we have put in place to reduce this impact.

I would like to remind you of the support that is being provided to students who are having to self-isolate or are currently shielding at home due to Covid-19. This support can also be used by students who have not attended school for other reasons, but would need to catch up on the work they have missed.

At RVHS we use **Google Classroom** as our online platform to set both compulsory home learning tasks and lesson 'material' that has been taught by the subject teacher each week. Each student is assigned their own user where they can join/be invited to join classrooms for each of the subjects they study. Inside each classroom there are a range of resources which have been uploaded by subject teachers for each lesson. There are also compulsory home learning assignments that are set by the classroom teacher. These assignments can also be submitted via Google Classroom; where feedback can be given if necessary. (Our Home Learning booklet containing more subject codes etc can be found by clicking [here](#).)

The expectation at RVHS is that when a student is not physically attending school, but is capable of engaging with the curriculum, they should log into Google Classroom and complete the work they would have been doing in the lessons for each day. The lessons will be set as '**material**' and will have **no due date** or submission option; as this material is there to allow students to continue learning from home if needed. In addition to this, A level students are able to access live lessons through their subject teacher using Google Meet.

Where students are unsure of what they need to do for each subject or if they are unable to find the work on Google Classroom they should contact their **class teacher** in the first instance. They can do this by emailing them directly OR clicking the envelope icon next to their teachers name on their subject Google Classroom. If for some reason a student is unable to login to Google Classroom, then please contact your YPL.



We have created support videos to help students access and navigate Google Classroom so that they are able to still access the curriculum as best as possible while we get through this difficult period. Please see links below to access these videos:

1. FAQs Google Classroom-

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OF7bXnGLNy0&list=PLb_DqON3d9qMwJXIGCBwS_37rRqy_WjiK&index=1&t=8s

2. Using Google drive- Google docs/ slides etc to complete home learning-

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nE_d2TYwP5A&list=PLb_DqON3d9qM9M0qWofuhTKSE5xSexbuY&index=3

3. Assignments & Material- what's the difference?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzpBqnUWTaQ&list=PLb_DqON3d9qM9M0qWofuhTKSE5xSexbuY&index=4

If you need any more support with home learning, then please don't hesitate to contact individual subject teachers, year progress leaders or Ms Paige Larkin (plarkin@rodingvalley.net). We are really keen to support our students with this and we strongly believe that good routines will enable our students to succeed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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