



# The Sutton Academy

Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mr Paul Willerton

Dear Parent/Carer

25 September 2020

Further to previous letters you have received from Mr Willerton, I wanted to write to you to detail how we will work to support students who are self-isolating due to Covid-19 concerns. As the situation develops, it is clear that we need a system that can be immediately initiated, once we receive notification that a student is required to self-isolate. We need to ensure any student affected by Covid-19 is not further disadvantaged due to being unable to attend school. This letter details the provision you can expect to be in place for your child, if they are affected.

If your child has to self-isolate, or is absent for any other reason, they will be able to access all of the resources for the lessons they should have that day via SMHW. Students will be able to log in to SMHW and view and download lesson resources and complete an associated learning task. Some students in Year 7 are still awaiting their log in details, and it is our expectation that they will have received this by Monday 28 September at the latest. If your child does not have access to online learning, their Achievement Leader will provide a paper based learning pack for them to complete during their isolation period.

If your child is well enough to do so, it is essential that they engage with this, so they do not fall further behind in their learning. This will also help ensure a smooth transition back into face to face learning, once they are able to return to the Academy.

In addition to the above, Achievement Leaders will also set a weekly SMSC presentation for all students in the year group. This is an optional task that students can engage with if they wish to do so. This will also open up the opportunity for parents and students to communicate with their Achievement Leader about any pastoral issues they may have. We recognise the importance of keeping these communication channels open for our students at this difficult time.

I would also like to reassure you, that if your child is in receipt of free school meals and has to self-isolate, you will be able to request a food parcel for the duration of the isolation period by contacting the Head of Year. Once pre booked, this can be collected from reception at a time that is convenient for you. If you have difficulties in coming to school, to collect this parcel, we will arrange for it to be delivered.

I hope this letter clarifies exactly what you and your child can expect from us as an Academy, however, if you do have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us. All teachers and staff at the Academy are fully committed to doing everything we can to support our students and parents in these unprecedented times.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs Grace

**Vice Principal – Teaching Learning & Assessment**

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