

Securing Learning During Lockdown

The ways in which learning has evolved as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic has been significant. At Altrincham College we believe that the best place for students to learn is in a classroom with their teachers. However, we also have to make preparations for the unwanted case of further school and/or local authority lockdowns. In the event of a lockdown our aim is to minimise the impact on student learning.

Should the school have to close due to positive Covid-19 cases, the school will provide a comprehensive programme of study which, where possible, mirrors the normal school timetable. For example, if your child would have maths lessons on Monday, Tuesday and Friday whilst in school, then your child will receive maths input (work emailed, tasks set on ClassCharts, or MS Teams lessons) that week on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

If Heads of Department or class teachers decide that MS Teams is the best way to deliver a certain aspect of content for their timetabled session, the format will be:

- 1) A pre-task set via ClassCharts
- 2) 30 minute MS Teams lesson to the year group/entire course cohort (this increases the flexibility of provision)
- 3) Follow up consolidation task(s) and new task set

The exact timing of the lesson will be communicated by the teaching team delivering the lessons. The duration of the lessons allows students and staff, time to get organised for their next lesson. This provision outlined would begin two days after the closure of the school, i.e. if the school closed on a Wednesday, by the Friday, students will be receiving input (work emailed, tasks set on ClassCharts, or MS Teams lessons) for their subjects. This turnaround time is needed to allow teachers to get any resources ready due to the large number of classes and year groups they teach.

Should your child have issues accessing IT equipment/internet, please contact the school and we will endeavour to resolve the issue for you.

Thank you for your continued support

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