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Dear Student

Hopefully you have successfully joined our virtual online school Microsoft Teams: <https://portal.office.com>

Work is being set via this home learning platform for each of your subjects, in line with your timetable where possible. Whilst we expect you to undertake work for a set amount of time each day in line with your normal weekly routine, prioritising and organising your time with parental and school support, you will need to ensure that you achieve a sufficient amount of progress each week, whilst ensuring that you do not overwork in these strange times. Balance is the key!

We appreciate there will be a time of adjustment for you and your teachers too, but please do try and engage, it will become easier. When undertaking work students will require ICT provision at home at this time. I am aware that there may be a few struggling from a lack of resources. If that is the case, regrettably there is little we can do right now to support during the current lockdown. That being said an understanding of need would be useful so that in the event of a temporary lifting of the current restrictions we can endeavour to support as much as we can.

During this period you will understandably be spending more time online than you would normally. Either undertaking work or social networking. There have been reports regionally of an increase in the number of targeted instances of online abuse. To that end please do be aware of online activity, along with the advice given in events delivered by Mr Johnson.

If you feel **worried** and need someone to talk to, we recommend that you look at the Thinkuknow websites, which are a great way to start and chat about online safety:

11-13s Thinkuknow website [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11\\_13/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/)

14+ Thinkuknow website [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/14\\_plus/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/14_plus/)

Thinkuknow websites provide open and honest guidance for you and your friends about relationships and the internet, covering topics like dealing with pressure, consent and getting support when you're worried.

Stay safe online together.

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Online safety guidance