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Dear Parents,

Online Learning and Student Behaviour

Students have now completed their first full day of online learning. Following the announcement from the Prime Minister yesterday we now know that we will be working in this way for the next six weeks. With this in mind I would like to make you all aware of our Online Learning Policy, which you can find [here](#), and some expectations that we have of all students:

- Students are expected to follow their normal school timetable and attend their lessons on line through Microsoft Teams – Miss Gist has already sent details about this in an email to students on Monday. If students do not attend their lessons then teachers will be in contact with parents to make you aware of this – students **MUST** attend their lessons.
- All of the School's expectations for behaviour are transferrable to online learning, if students misbehave in online lessons then school sanctions will be applied.
- Any student who misuses the opportunity to engage with online lessons will be removed from the online lesson immediately and may be excluded from the group for a fixed period of time until reassurance can be gained that misuse will not occur in the future. Parents will be informed of any misuse by the class teacher, Academic Leader or Head of Year.
- Serious misuse of online learning opportunities (such as making recordings without permission or, sharing images of adults or other students) will be treated under the School's Positive Behaviour Policy and may result in permanent exclusion.

Could I ask that all parents discuss these points with their child and that you all read the Online Learning Policy. Online learning is still school and all school rules apply. Today we did have some misbehaviour in online lessons and a small number of students misused the 'chat' function. Can I stress to you all that if it wouldn't be appropriate to say in a classroom it isn't appropriate to type in a chat function.

We very much need the support of parents to discuss these matters and help us to enforce these expectations so that all students can learn and engage in their online lessons.

Thank you very much for your support with this.

Yours sincerely

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