

3rd February 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

We would like to thank you all for your responses to the Academy online learning survey. It was encouraging to see such positive feedback regarding our staff and the support they are providing to your children during this difficult period. In response to your comments on the survey we would like to update you on some changes we have made and update you on some key information.

Times of the day

Due to the amount of screen time students are exposed to we have cut each lesson by five minutes and extended lunch to forty minutes. For clarity, we are proposing these timings of the day:

Reg	0845 - 0910
P1	0915 – 1010
P2	1015 – 1110
Break	1110 - 1130
P3	1130 - 1225
Lunch	1225 – 1305
P4	1305 – 1400
P5	1405 – 1500

Homework

Evidence shows that students who regularly complete homework perform significantly better at school than those who do not. Creating a regular homework completion routine is vital for students and not something we want students to lose the habit for, whilst learning remotely. Therefore, teachers will continue to set meaningful homework tasks to students across all year groups. [For more information about how much homework you should expect to be set please see our online homework policy <http://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/page/?title=Homework&pid=207>. Tasks may be an opportunity for spaced practice of topics from previous weeks, terms or even years; knowledge retrieval is an excellent use of homework time. Extra practice to improve students' fluency and confidence, revision, pre-study and extra questions are also great ways to reinforce learning from lessons. Research projects and more open-ended tasks may also be set from time to time. These can help develop student's creativity and their capacity for independent learning. Whilst we understand that students are working incredibly hard during the normal school day, largely online, we know how important homework is to their future success.



Progress Report/Exam Grades

Each week you will receive an engagement to learning report so you can monitor how your child is completing their tasks and monitor their attendance. If you have any concerns regarding your child please contact their Head of Year, and if you have particular concerns regarding your child's SEN needs please contact kincles@ketteringscienceacademy.org

We understand the concern around how your child will be graded in the summer. As soon as the government updates us on assessment and how the grades will be calculated we will send out a letter and inform all of the students, however this information has not been released yet.

Safeguarding

Due to our safeguarding policy we cannot allow students to put on their cameras. Whilst we understand the frustration and concern regarding lack of social interaction leading to mental health concerns we are unable to allow this to take place to protect staff and students during lessons. We have included contact details below if you have any concerns in these areas:

Safeguarding concerns:

Ichapman@ketteringscienceacademy.org

Keeping Students safe online

<http://www.ketteringscienceacademy.org/page/?title=E%2DSafety&pid=110>

ICT issues:

Key Stage 3: jwatson@ketteringscienceacademy.org

Key Stage 4: sreid@ketteringscienceacademy.org

Key Stage 5: rdavies@ketteringscienceacademy.org

We will be sending out another survey in three weeks' time to review our progress and evaluate the impact of changes we have made. I would like to thank you all for your fantastic support to our school and look forward to welcoming students back hopefully soon.

Yours faithfully



Tony Segalini
Principal

