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Remote Learning Update: FAQs

I am writing to you as a reminder of the home learning platforms that students should be engaging with their learning once we return from the half term break. We thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. It is expected that students engage in their learning via live stream lessons every day and regularly submit assignments for assessment.

How do Year 7-11 students access their lessons?

Live stream lessons start again on Monday 22nd February for all students. Year 7-11 students will receive their lesson links directly to their **Basildon Academies email account**.

How do Sixth Form students access their lessons?

Year 12 & 13 will continue to learn through **Microsoft TEAMS** and should log on daily to receive their assignments and live lessons.

How do students ask questions during the lesson?

The host only live chat will be enabled to support students in asking questions during the lesson. Students should fully engage with the hands up function when requested to by the teacher. Every subject also has a subject specific email address (e.g. maths@basildonacademies.org.uk) so students can ask for help after a lesson.

Can I request support if we have access issues?

If you are having difficulties accessing a suitable device to support remote learning then please email remotelearning@basildonacademies.org.uk and we will endeavour to support your request.

Students and parents can access subject specific emails addresses if students need differentiated work or support with stretch tasks. Any SEND queries can be sent to sen@basildonacademies.org.uk.

Do students have to attend all sessions?

Attendance is **compulsory** to all lessons and if a student is going to be absent and therefore unable to engage in online learning, usual attendance procedures should be followed. Attendance will continue to be monitored via student log in to their sessions and follow up will continue daily. If your child does not engage in remote learning they will be classified as a vulnerable child under government guidance and therefore expected to attend onsite to access the remote learning.

Can students review previous lessons?

Students in Years 7-11 have access to recorded lessons via the One Drive. They access this through their school email account and are able to watch and re-watch lessons in all subject areas to support their knowledge and understanding outside of normal lesson time. They can also use these to support with homework or exam questions if they need to revisit any lesson content. Please ensure your son/daughter checks this weekly to keep up to date with new content as it is released. A 'How To' Video is available on our website: <https://www.basildonacademies.org.uk/home-learning>

How do students submit their work or get feedback?

Every student has access to a class group in Microsoft TEAMS where they can check and complete assignments. Students should ensure that they check this each day for any new assignments that have been added. If work is being completed in sketch books or on paper, students can submit photos of their work for assessment to the subject specific email address (e.g. maths@basildonacademies.org.uk). Subject specific tasks (e.g. Microsoft Forms, Seneca, etc) will be discussed during the lesson so it is really important that students are listening to the instructions given by their teacher.

Do students get a chance to 'check in' outside of lesson time?

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Students in Years 7-11 will be able to engage in a once a week Zoom check in session in their class group where they can ask generic questions to a member of teaching staff. This is a voluntary session to support students wellbeing. Check-ins start at 8:15am.

Mondays – Year 10

Tuesdays – Year 7

Wednesdays – Year 8

Thursdays – Year 11

Fridays – Year 9

Where can I find information and links to the platforms students need to use?

Doddle is our main homework platform in Years 7-11, with a key focus at the Lower Academy in getting students into positive habits when working independently to prepare them for their Key Stage 4 and 5 studies. Parents also have access to a Parent Key and can track this via mobile devices. Please do email doddlehelp@basildonacademies.org.uk if you need any support in accessing Doddle.

Our website continues to be updated with a wide range of resources to support students in their learning, as well as providing enrichment opportunities to develop their CV such as Open Learn. Our department leads will also link students to their preferred platforms such as Seneca, GCSEPod and a variety of PixL Apps which all support developing key subject specific skills. Links to these are all available on the home learning section of the website. There are a range of 'How To' videos available to support students with accessing lessons, assignments and emails.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact the Remote Learning Team with any queries, to let us know about any access issues or to celebrate the work your son/daughter has completed at home:

remotelearning@basildonacademies.org.uk

Kind Regards



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