

Our Ref: MAD/LRS

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Virtual School

The school has designed a virtual school system from which students will benefit should they need to self-isolate. This system will start running from Monday 23 November 2020.

The aim of this virtual school system is to reduce the impact of lost face-to-face teaching and learning time. Virtual school learning is not able to replace the experience of in-school lessons like-for-like, but it will aim to ensure that on students' return to school, they will have had the opportunity to be on an as equal footing as possible with their peers. The system will also provide a platform for students to catch up, should they have been unable to complete work at the same rate as their peers.

Should your child need to self-isolate, the school will endeavour to ensure that:

- Isolating students will be able to immediately access work which reflects the learning they would do in school, thus allowing a student to continue to follow their normal curriculum
- Teachers will respond to student queries in a timely manner. Please, bear in mind that your child's subject teacher might teach all day on the day your child starts self-isolation
- The school will be in regular communication with parents of students isolating at home

For the virtual school system to function properly, it is imperative that the school is aware as soon as possible if a student is isolating at home. To make the school aware, we would ask parents/carers to phone the school reception on 01256 322691. Should you need to contact the school regarding your child's virtual schoolwork, please email isolation@aldworth.hants.sch.uk.

If students are unwell while isolating, they should rest until they are well enough to complete virtual school work.

Students well enough to complete work will access virtual school tasks for each of their subjects by logging into Microsoft Teams.

Of course, students should aim to return to school as soon as they are well enough and it is safe for them to do so. Please ensure you continue to communicate with the school to update us with any information, including test results and the expected return-to-school date.

My very best wishes at these continually testing times.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Ashford

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