

19th January 2021

Re: Live Teaching Trial

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope this letter finds you well at this difficult time and once again, thank you so much for your patience and commitment to the school's approach to remote education.

As always, your child's safety is at the heart of everything we do and so as a school and a Trust we have been working hard behind the scenes to prepare for the next phase in the way we educate in this new context. Beginning next week, we will be trialling live lessons with a selection of Sixth Form groups and will use these trials to inform us as to whether we can move forward and deliver this type of learning to more students. If your child is involved in the trials upcoming, you will have been contacted by phone and email, along with your child to ensure that everyone is clear about how we are making safe for both staff and students. If you have not been contacted then your child will not be part of the trials.

It is also important to note that this type of live teaching will not be replacing our current offer as for some year groups and class sizes research shows that it is still not the right approach. Again, if you child is involved in any changes you will be the first to know.

If you would like to get in touch with any questions about these upcoming trials please feel free to email Sam Foster, our Director of Core, who is leading this initiative.

We hope you and your families stay safe, please do not hesitate to contact us if you need anything.

Yours faithfully,

Hannah Fahey - **Interim Principal**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hannah Fahey".

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