



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As we have now completed the first week of remote learning, we wanted to keep you informed as to the initial feedback we have received from your child's teachers as to how they have engaged with our online learning provision.

This information only relates to the period Tuesday 5 January 2021 to Monday 11 January 2021 inclusive.

The key for the engagement codes we have used is:

- 1:** Your child's engagement with the tasks and/or online lessons has been excellent and work has been completed to a high standard.
- 2:** Your child's engagement with the tasks and/or online lessons has been good and work has been completed to a good standard.
- 3:** Your child has demonstrated some engagement with the tasks and/or online lessons, but the work has not been of the expected standard or has not been submitted by the deadline.
- 4:** Your child has not engaged with the tasks and/or online lessons.

In addition there is an **N/A** code, which indicates that engagement information is not yet available.

In order to provide you with this information as quickly as we can, it has not been possible to work through our normal checks and we apologise if there are any anomalies. For this very first engagement report, many subjects will have set work, but not necessarily have had it returned and marked so the grading may be based on attendance at online lessons only. In addition, there are a number of subjects which teach only one lesson per week. This may have been a VLE task that has yet to be submitted, which would be reported as 'not yet available'. Submitting engagement information has been subject to staff availability. Unfortunately, technical issues with Progresso have meant that tutor engagement information would not display in our report so PSME will show as blank. This will be rectified in time for future reporting.

We would like to emphasise that we are not making any judgements about students based on this report and that it should be treated with caution. We are fully aware that IT issues may have caused some problems for students last week and that shared IT access may mean students cannot attend all Teams lessons. We are also aware that the report will reflect other issues already reported to the school by parents. This report is to provide parents with information and they should not be concerned if they are already aware of any issues that it flags, particularly if steps have been taken to resolve them or move forward from them.

The engagement report allows us to recognise and praise those students who have worked very hard over the last week and encourage them to continue to take this approach with the remote learning. It is also an opportunity to make parents aware of any mismatch between their understanding of their child's engagement and ours.



In the previous closure, we did have issues with students marking tasks as complete when they were not done or the work was not submitted. If parents have concerns from the engagement report, they should first look at their child's VLE page. This will contain details of all of the tasks and online lessons that have been set for each subject since the closure. They can check which tasks have been completed, check whether work has been submitted and see if any comments have been sent by staff. We would be grateful if you could discuss this with your child.

Where students may have fallen behind, we are prepared for them to draw a line under the first week of lessons and aim to get themselves back on track from now. This should enable parents to resolve any issues without having to contact the school. We will make contact with parents where we have concerns that we have not heard from students. If you do need to contact us for advice, then please use the main school email: wfarr@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk indicating which member of staff your query would best be directed to.

To access the engagement information, please log in to your child's Progresso account and go to the assessment page. The engagement information is listed under the heading 'Report 1'. Should you be unable to access your Progresso account, then please email Mr Carlyle, IT technician, at: j.carlyle@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk

We will continue to release engagement information at stages throughout the school closure to ensure that your understanding of your child's engagement with the remote education is in line with ours. We are very keen for students to engage with our online lessons and tasks to enable them to make good progress in their learning.

We hope you will appreciate this initial feedback on your child's engagement with the remote learning and wish to thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Ellis
Deputy Headteacher