



**PONTEFRACT**  
ACADEMIES TRUST

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well and are enjoying the new home learning timetables we have provided your children with. The feedback to date has certainly been overwhelmingly positive. Following our communication last week about the introduction of pre-recorded and live feedback lessons I can now provide you with the following information.

I reiterate from my previous correspondence that we continue to be impressed with the engagement of pupils with their home learning activities. However, this new digital method of keeping in touch with pupils will have multiple benefits from both an academic and a wellbeing perspective.

We will continue to provide paper copies of all the work we send home. I fully realise that many families do not have multiple digital devices and children often prefer to work on paper. I must also stress that classroom teachers will continue to communicate with children via DoJo and/or other communication tools to check on their welfare and progress. That being said, we believe this new addition to the home learning offer will be of great benefit to those families that utilise it.

Each week, until the end of the academic term, a new timetable will be provided to you and published on the home learning page of the school website (in the exact same manner as last week). Each week the focus will be on the consolidation of material in the core subjects English and maths. Further foundation subject material will also be provided to you in due course. This will support the tasks that we expect pupils to do on their daily timetable. Pupils will be directed to complete activities relating to their English and maths learning and selected pieces of work will be required to be submitted to their classroom teachers for feedback.

The timetable for each week will be available on the website each Friday evening. Parents/Carers can then plan their routines around the structured timetable provided. Pupils will need to join the live online lessons through Microsoft Teams App. Additional instructions on how to set Microsoft Teams up on any digital device is provided. It is very easy to do, and once complete pupils can access their lessons via the click of a button. Once they are in the live lesson they can blur or change their background. Can I ask that any pupil attending a live lesson joins 5-10 minutes before the provided start time, so the teacher can admit them, and the lesson can start promptly. Staff will keep a register of the pupils who have attended the lessons. All links to pre-recorded and live lessons will be on the timetable provided at the end of each week. We very much look forward to introducing this aspect of our home learning offer.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch by email [admin@orchardhead.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@orchardhead.patrust.org.uk) or phone 01977 723495.

Yours sincerely

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