



# DANESHOLME JUNIOR ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

## **Remote Learning from 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Thank you for bearing with us and giving us the time to put together a high-quality home learning package for our pupils. Having been in school for the whole Autumn term, the children have made great progress and developed good learning behaviours and routines. We are very keen for this to continue during this lockdown period so that learning continues at the same rate and gaps do not develop. The package we have put together is designed to do this.

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January our home learning package will move to Microsoft Teams. Pupils can log on to Microsoft Teams from any internet enabled device – including Playstation, Xbox, Kindle, Smart TV etc. Once you are on the internet, type **gat.airhead.io** which will take you to our log in page. The children then need to log in in the same way they do with Miss Woolley in the ICT suite at school.

Our teachers will pre-record English and Maths lessons for the morning and there will be afternoon activities available every day, which may be more independent. A timetable will be posted for the week on Monday – we recommend that pupils stick to this timetable as closely as possible to match what would happen in school. We will schedule the work to go out at the start of each lesson. If it is not possible for you to follow the timetable structure, then lessons will be available for viewing at other times. However, we do recommend that learning is completed on the same day as our lessons are designed to progress over the week. The assignments will be time limited and will be removed as learning progresses. Staff will be manning the Teams chat during lessons, so any questions about the learning can be posted there. The school day runs from 9am-3pm and outside of these times, chats will be muted.

Pupils can 'hand in' their work through Microsoft Teams and teachers will provide feedback on all work that is submitted. Please note that all of our teachers are also teaching 'bubbles' in school at the moment, as well as recording lessons for remote learning, so feedback will not be immediate.

We expect that there will be some teething problems – both in school and at home! We have two dedicated phone numbers that you can call for home learning technical support – please contact the school office if you require these telephone numbers.

If you would like to collect exercise books/pens/pencils for your children, then you can come to school next week at the following times to collect these:

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 11:00-12:00

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1:00-2:00

Please wear a face covering when you come to school to collect. If you are not able to collect in person, then it is fine for someone else to collect on your behalf.

Finally, I would like to finish by acknowledging the fantastic staff at DJA, who have all risen to the challenge and moved mountains this week to make all of this possible – always putting our pupils at the heart of everything they do.

We look forward to working with you remotely over the next few weeks, until it is safe to have our whole school community back together again.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs K Rolf

Principal