



Dear Parent/Carer

We are aware that this is a very challenging time for all Year 9 students who now have to isolate at home until Monday 7th December, and we want to reassure you that we are here to support you in terms of your learning and your pastoral needs.

All Year 9 students are expected to follow their normal school timetable from home.

To ensure the effective communication and delivery of zoom links to students, we have recently launched The Sims engagement portal and would encourage all parents to ensure this is downloaded. If you need further support with this, there is a video tutorial for the student app on the school website and all parental email invites have been resent this week. Please do not confuse the parent app invite with the student invite. If you are having any issues with the app, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Land by email: niamh.land@aylesford.kent.sch.uk.

As well as lessons being delivered, we will also be delivering the pastoral curriculum which includes mentor time and assemblies. If your child is learning from home as a consequence of a closure, they should treat the day as a normal school day and be ready to attend all lessons. The link to the lessons will be sent via the Sims App the evening before and will follow your child's regular timetable which can also be viewed via the app. The lessons will be at least 30-40 minutes each with time given for tasks to be completed. It is vital that your child attends all sessions as per their timetable to allow continuity of curriculum and avoid gaps in knowledge. A lesson attendance sheet will be taken at each session therefore any students not attending will be contacted as per school's attendance policy. If, for any reason, your child is unable to access the provision, it is imperative that this is communicated with school as soon as possible. We will do all we can to support your child's learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind students of appropriate security measures and behaviours when attending online learning. The school's behaviour policy will still apply to students attending online lessons and any inappropriate behaviour or disruption to lessons will be sanctioned accordingly as well as any positive behaviour being recognised and rewarded. Students should never share the links placed on the Sims app with anybody else as this is a breach of security. All students should attend lessons with their video turned off and their full name as their display. Students will not be permitted into lessons unless they are identified by their full name.

All students have had a letter which states their email address and password for the school email system. This can be accessed via the school website by clicking on the "school email" link on the top right hand side of the webpage. Should you or your child need to contact any member of staff, all contact details are also available by clicking on the "contact us" button and scrolling through the staff members.



Year 9 Contacts if there are concerns:

Progress Leader	Mr Cooper	paul.cooper@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
Pastoral Support Manager	Mrs Hodgson	tracy.hodgson@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
Safeguard Lead	Mr Wright	david.wright@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
Teaching and Learning	Mrs Land	Niamh.land@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

Year 9 Mentor details are on our website.

If students do not have access to ICT at home please contact Miss Kelvie
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Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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