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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you regarding the arrangements for remote learning for the period your child will be self-isolating. High Tunstall College of Science is pleased to offer their remote learning package via the Microsoft Teams platform, this includes the provision of academic learning for lessons and pastoral care via our virtual tutor group system. Your child has been allocated a virtual tutor and will be welcomed at 8.30am every morning for a brief "wake up call" meeting with their virtual tutor to set up their learning for the day. This will be followed with a "3pm check in" again through their virtual tutor team, so we can support with the submission of any work and deal with any issues which may arise from the school day. Please direct your child to the virtual tutor group team on Microsoft Teams and follow the announcement and instructions.

The virtual tutor slots are to compliment the remote learning, which is going to incorporate "live" lessons accessible through individual class channels. We request that when joining these lessons cameras are off and mics are muted. Ensure your child attends their virtual tutor group slots for further information regarding live lessons.

I am sure you appreciate the challenge trying to blend the education of those in college and those working remotely from home and ensuring safety and educational equity for all our students. Your ongoing support and patience is as always appreciated and we continue to develop our remote learning provision and we will continue to keep you and your child updated of any improvements.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Hayward
Deputy Headteacher