

COCKBURN SCHOOL

Specialist status in the Performing Arts



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Home Learning

Due to the Government announcement, delaying the start to the Spring Term 2021 until February half term we would like to update you with details of how your child can continue their learning while at home.

The Government guidance issued on 30th December states that "remote education is prioritised for pupils in exam year groups (Year 11) during the week commencing 4th January, remote education being provided for all other pupils from 11th January".

We will be providing remote education for all year groups from Tuesday 5th January via our FROG online learning portal as outlined below. While remote education is not compulsory for year groups 7 to 10 for the school week 5th to 8th January, all students should engage in the learning that has been set for them.

Accessing your child's Home Learning

Your child's Home Learning has been assigned by their subject teachers on our **FROG online learning portal**, which can be accessed via the school website <http://www.cockburnschool.org/home-learning/>

Home Learning will need to be completed on a laptop, PC or tablet. FROG can also be downloaded as an app on a mobile phone or tablet. Your child will need to log in using their FROG login (their normal school computer username and password), which can be found in their planner. If your child is experiencing difficulty logging in then please refer to the instructional video **Frog Guide for Students and Parents** also on the school website or on our Facebook social media page. If problems persist please email info@cockburnschool.org

We use a combination of the following approaches to teach students remotely such as recorded lessons prepared by teachers, direct instructions to complete tasks through FROG, PowerPoint presentations and accompanying worksheets or work booklets, setting practice questions or past exam or assessment papers (particularly for those in examination years), reading texts and answering comprehension questions, watching relevant video resources or website tasks.

If your child does not have internet access and/or a gadget such as a laptop on which to complete their Home Learning, paper-based Home Learning packs are available to download from the Home Learning portal. If you are unable to download the Home Learning packs, please contact school reception and we can arrange for paper-based Home Learning packs to be sent to you by post. As postage can take a few days to arrive we ask for your patience with this.

While at home, it is important that your child follows their timetable as far as possible. This is to maintain the excellent learning routine they have in school so they do not fall behind with their work. When they return to school having completed work at home, the transition back to lessons and learning is straightforward with very little catch up required. Your child's timetable can be found in their planner as well as on their Frog homepage and is also available to view on the SIMs parent app. If your child does not have their planner at home and you do not have access to the SIMs parent app, we can email or post a copy to you.

Students will receive a weekly email to support them with their learning and remind them to complete work. This can provide the opportunity to ask any questions about their learning. Any specific subject questions will be forwarded to subject email accounts and a response will be provided via email. Subject email accounts can be accessed on the FROG online learning portal if your child has a query about their subject work.

Further guidance for parents/carers on how your child can access their work and how to structure and support your child's home learning is available on the Home Learning portal via the website.

I would like to thank you for your continued support with Home Learning during this unprecedented time.

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