



Dear parents/carers

"TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER"

15<sup>TH</sup>/ January/2021

I want to wish you a Happy and safe New Year, especially with the challenges that are ahead of us.

It seems hard to believe how the term has started as the situation seems very different now compared to the end of last term.

Whilst we would love for all our children and staff to be in the academy as normal, we need to do everything we can to stop the spread of Covid – 19. Parents/carers who are key workers should try and keep children at home if they possibly can especially when not working in our endeavour to keep us all safe.

We now need to make the most of this period of remote teaching and learning, build on our experiences and periods of self-isolation during last year.

Staff and pupils have done amazingly this week. We recognise that learning at home requires significant effort, resilience and determination by pupils, parents/carers and staff.

We aim to provide the best curriculum as possible, including activities, to help character development, wellbeing, physical and mental health.

The partnership between the academy and home is more important than ever and we will continue to do our best to provide pupils with high quality, well rounded education and communicate clearly with you during these difficult times for all Dorrington Academy Community.

If parents have general questions please contact the office and if pupils have questions for their classteacher please use the daily drop in support time through Microsoft teams, this time is on the website for each year group.

Over the next coming weeks look out for Miss Barratt's competitions, as it is important for Dorrington to continue to have projects enabling us to learn in a fun way. We must live out our motto 'together we are stronger,' celebrating moments when we can work and smile together during these anxious times for everyone.

Please take care

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L Barratt", with a small flourish at the end.

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