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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, may I thank you for your continued support in what has been a challenging start of the term for students, families and staff members. The current educational landscape that we find ourselves in is very different from the one that we had envisaged and planned for over the Christmas break. Over the coming weeks, I intend to send a weekly letter to keep you up to date with the school's developments.

Remote Learning

Following the letter from Mark Pollard (Deputy CEO, The Four Stones Multi Academy Trust) on 13 January, I thought it would be useful to provide some more information about remote learning at The De Montfort School. We feel that the best approach to delivering a remote curriculum should be based on voice-over PowerPoint slides and video content, providing clear instructions to students. Through this approach, students can use the resources in the way that suits them. They can pause and rewind the instructions and guidance provided by members of staff and watch them as many times as they need.

We do realise that although this is the principle method for the delivery of curriculum content, variety is essential. Through the Google Classroom system, members of staff will respond to student work, but 'live' interactions are also very important. We are already delivering 'live lessons' to our Sixth Form students. Next, week we will be launching 'live' sessions for Year 11 students and Mr Dolan will be providing more information directly to the parents/carers of Year 11 students tomorrow.

We will continue to develop remote learning and opportunities for 'live' interactions. I will update you on these developments through the remote learning family bulletin each week. Initially, more information on how we deliver remote learning as well as some tips for students can be found on our website [here](#).

In addition, all students will receive a series of printed workbooks for core subjects. The workbooks for Years 6, 7 and 8 have been sent today.

Additional mobile data

The DFE has announced an offer by several mobile providers to increase the data allowances for customers. If you do not have fixed broadband at home and cannot afford the cost of additional data for your device, you may qualify. The request for additional data will need to be processed by the school.

We will need to know information on the mobile provider and type of contract you have. To request additional data, please complete the form by following this [link](#). To process the information, we will need all requests to be completed by Wednesday 20 January. The form includes a privacy statement about how your personal data will be used. You can find more information and a copy of the privacy statement [here](#).

I look forward to providing you with more information on developments next week but in the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Weston