Dear Parent/Carer

We have been providing remote learning for two weeks now and pupils have had the opportunity to access all of their curricular areas. We have been impressed with the levels of engagement from our young people and pleased with the work they have submitted so far.

We recognise the challenges that remote learning can bring for both young people and their parents and we are very grateful for the support you have shown us during this very challenging period. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for the work they have done so far in providing a range of learning experiences for our young people.

I have attached a copy of the Live Lesson schedule for the **WEEK 1** timetable which starts on Monday 25th January. Again, please encourage your child to attend as many of these lessons as possible. I would also like to highlight that most departments have included a large number of recorded lessons on to their Teams pages. The benefit of these lessons is that young people can watch them at any time throughout the day and can also repeat some sections of the lesson if they require further clarification.

We will continue to monitor pupil engagement on Microsoft Teams over the coming weeks. The Scottish Government has confirmed that remote learning will now continue until, at least, the middle of February. This means that it is crucial our young people access all of work provided by their teachers to ensure they continue to learn and make progress with their studies. If any pupil has not engaged as fully as we would have hoped their parent will receive a letter from the school or a phone call from their Pupil Support Teacher to offer support.

Pupils have been sent a link today on their Registration Class Team for a survey. The purpose of this survey is to gather their views, find out how they are managing their digital learning and establish if they require any additional support from the school. Can you please encourage them to complete this survey so that the results are a true reflection of their experiences so far.

We are also in the process of organising a stationery ‘drop in’ so that pupils can collect materials they may need to study at home. This will be organised in year group slots to prevent too many pupils coming on to the school campus at any one time. More details will be provided at the beginning of next week.

The school Parent Council will meet on a digital platform on Tuesday evening and I look forward to the opportunity of meeting with our parents again, hearing their views and sharing with them the work of our school.

Finally, I am delighted to confirm that new Head Teacher, Mr Paul McWatt, will take up his post on the 10th of February. I know he is looking forward to taking up his new post and we are very much looking forward to welcoming him to the Taylor High community.

Kind regards

Mrs L McGraw

Acting Head Teacher