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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will already be aware, the government have announced that all students will return to school from September. We are working hard to ensure that we are well prepared for this. We are also keen to ensure that we continue to improve our home learning provision and have been preparing the use of Microsoft Teams to support the delivery of our curriculum. As a result we will be running a pilot of delivering online lessons. We have a small group of staff who are leading this project, each having been asked to trial at least one lesson ahead of feeding back to the group and then the wider staff team.

If your son/daughters class is selected to be part of this process, the class teacher will email an invite for the lesson to your child's school email account. They should open this and follow the instructions as it will contain the relevant detail of the lesson, including the time and any equipment that they might need. Once the lesson has finished, staff will ask for feedback on the experience from the students.

We hope that you will be able to support this project, but appreciate that technology can be an obstacle when learning something new. If you do not have Microsoft Teams on your home computer, there is an app version available for mobile phones. The initial plan for these lessons will be to allow your child to see their teacher. It is important that your camera is turned off, which is done by clicking the small picture of the camera in the middle of the screen before entering the virtual classroom. The camera can be turned on or off at any point during the lesson. We would not want the camera on unless it is specifically asked for and this would be limited to certain lessons. The teacher will instruct whether they want the microphone turned on or off when in the lesson and will guide the students on how to do this on entering the virtual classroom.

If your child is selected and you can see any problems with the trial or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to first ask the class teacher leading the lesson, or alternatively, you can contact me and I will do my best to help. Once we have had a chance to review this process, I will write to you again to inform you of any decisions that we choose to make.

Finally, and in case you haven't already seen, we released details of our Virtual Sports Day on Friday. We launched it on Friday to allow extra time over the weekend for those of you who would like to get involved as, unlike a traditional secondary school sports day, this event provides us with an opportunity to involve families alongside our students.

All of the details are on SMHW, including the results sheet, which we will need sent back to us by Friday 10th July. For more information, please see your child's SMHW account or click this link to see the YouTube video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OKK2USrRoXI>

We look forward to seeing how you get on. Enjoy the competition!

Please don't forget to subscribe to the Oakmoor YouTube channel to receive updates when new videos are uploaded.

Have a great week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Beere".

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