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Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of week three of home learning, I once again would like to commend all of our students for the effort they are making and the resilience they are displaying as they complete their work. I am also most grateful to parents and carers for the support they are giving to students. Without this, our remote provision could not have been as successful as it has been so far.

We are mindful that it is not always easy to give this support and that the virtual school itself is not without flaws. As we progress through the weeks and receive feedback from you about how it is working for your children, we are learning much about where improvements could be made.

We monitor student engagement with their lessons closely and the feedback on this is available to parents via the My Child at School app. In some cases you may see that your child has received a negative log for non-attendance to a lesson but you know the reason they haven't been able to log on to the lesson is because of issues with a device, the internet at home or some other difficulty. If this is the case, please get in touch with your child's Head of Year so that we can work together to enable your child to participate fully in the remote provision.

Remote Education Provision

This week we have published our Remote Education Provision document. This is a guide to what you and your child can expect from the Virtual School. To access it, [please use this link](#) or you can find it on the website.

Southfields Spirit

While most students may be away from the Academy, they are still producing excellent work. Please take a moment to read Southfields Spirit, our newsletter to parents, where we celebrate this. In it you will also find useful information and activities for your child.

Free School Meals

The Free School Meal voucher scheme has been activated this week. Parents whose child is in receipt of Free School Meals will be receiving £15.00 per week per student in vouchers. These will be issued fortnightly, to cover a week in arrears and a week in advance, i.e. parents will be receiving £30.00 every two weeks.

Please see attached link below with instructions on how to redeem your voucher.

<https://www.edenred.co.uk/Documents/Select/Edenred-Select-Grocery-eCode-Redemption-Userguide.pdf>

It is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that the Academy has your current email address as this is where the eCode will be sent for you to redeem your voucher. Your email address is also critical to our virtual Parents' Evening events as well as those much needed regular communications, particularly in this lockdown period. If you wish to update the email address we hold for you, please email sara.crampsie@southfieldsacademy.com

INSET Day

On Monday 1st February we will have an INSET day for staff. Students will not be set any new work for the day; instead they should aim to complete any catch-up work and try to stay away from their screen. There will also be no provision for students currently attending on-site on this day.

With best wishes to you and your family a restful and safe weekend.

Yours sincerely



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