

22nd November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Teaching Groups – 8x1, 8x2, 8x4, 8y4 – Remote learning

Whilst we have had a significant drop in members of the school community testing positive for COVID-19, we are continuing to experience challenges around staffing levels due to self-isolation and other illnesses amongst our staff body.

The school remains open although we have needed to implement our remote learning plan for Year 8 teaching groups 8x1, 8x2, 8x4 and 8y4 due to staff absence levels as we are unable to teach the year group on site at present. Their lessons will, therefore, take place on Teams from Tuesday 24th November until Thursday 26th November. We hope to welcome them back to site on Friday 27th November. We do understand the disruption this causes families and can only assure you we are doing everything we can to return students to on-site learning as quickly, but as safely, as possible.

If your child is entitled to a free school meal and would like to pick up a food parcel, please contact us on 0121 566 6500 or email enquiry@rockwood-academy.co.uk

If your child does not have a device or internet access, please contact us on 0121 566 6500 or email: d.cooke@rockwood-academy.co.uk

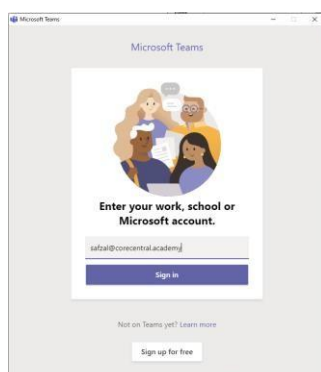
Remote Learning information

At Rockwood Academy we utilise the Microsoft Teams platform for remote learning. This means that it is vitally important that your child logs into Microsoft Teams for all timetabled lessons, which in the main will be delivered by their normal classroom teachers. Your child has had some training on how to use Microsoft Teams. The steps summarised below can provide some additional clarity on how to access Microsoft Teams for their lessons.

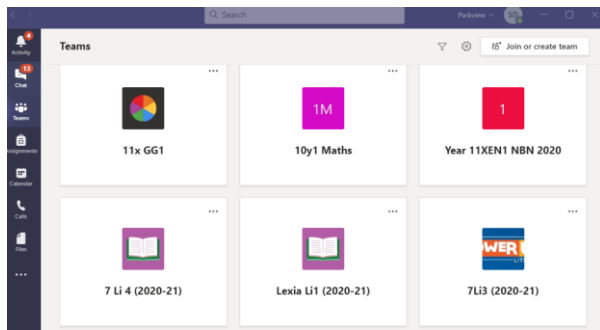
Step 1: Go to this web address: <https://teams.microsoft.com>

You can either download the Teams app or use the website

Step 2: Log in: use your school email address and password.



Step 3: Once on the Teams homepage your teacher will invite you 'join' your timetabled lesson.



The timings of the school day remain the same. Please ensure your child is logged into Teams and ready to learn at the beginning of each lesson.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S Darr'.

Sofia Darr
Headteacher