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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Recent feedback from parent surveys has told us that you feel well supported and phone calls from tutors have allowed us to maintain our important partnership between school and home. We now want to strengthen the support for our students working at home this term and so, from 11th January, will be providing more 'live lessons' on Google Classroom.

Students who are in school and students who are learning from home will be following the same curriculum delivered through remote learning on Google Classroom. Delivering learning on the same platform to all students whether in school or at home will help everyone to progress at roughly the same rate as their peers.

We realise that home is not school. We acknowledge the difficulties of learning from home and appreciate how difficult this can be for some families. We have put this pack together to ensure that the students at Maplewell Hall do not miss out on their learning. Our hope is that the provision of 'live lessons' outlined below will give your child every possible opportunity to gain a full, rounded and challenging education during this difficult time. Feedback from students who have attended live lessons has been incredibly positive and staff have thoroughly enjoyed being able to teach their students again, albeit from a distance.

The structure we have adopted will support a seamless transition back into full-time education until we reach the time when we can safely welcome all of our students back into the school building, which we hope will be after February half term.

Teachers and leaders across the school have been working hard to familiarise themselves with using technology in this new way and we appreciate your ongoing support. If you need assistance with anything, whether it be technical support or support with the work itself, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can help.

Yours sincerely,

Kasia Glinka
Assistant Headteacher

