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Dear Parents/Carers,

Many of you will be aware that we have organised and run more than 70 online Q&A sessions since the closure of the school. In these lessons students have been able to ask questions and get detailed guidance about their independent work. Following feedback from parents and students we have decided to expand this offer and tailor it more closely to the prolonged nature of school closure for most year groups. From Monday 1/6/20 these Q&A sessions will change in the following ways:

- There will be at least 1 Maths, English and Science online lesson for each year group per week, along with other subjects.
- Most of these online lessons will be staffed by 2 teachers. The first teacher will deliver the online lesson in much the same way that it would be delivered in school whilst the other teacher will answer questions and deliver feedback via the chat function of Microsoft Teams.
- We will move away from simple Q&A sessions and instead focus on delivering lessons to the students who take part. These lessons will focus on the skills and knowledge that students in each year will need on arrival back at school.
- The objective of these online lessons will be to keep students in the habit of learning and to ensure that they are in the best possible position when we welcome them back to the Smestow building.

The detailed timetable for these sessions can be found at the following location:

<https://www.smestow.org/student-portal/live-q-a-timetable>

In addition, detailed guidance of how your child can access these lessons can be found at:

https://youtu.be/P093TuW_izY

The best way that you can support the education of your child during this time of school closure is to ensure that they attend and engage in these online lessons and complete the independent work that is set on the school portal.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. Whitehead - Deputy Headteacher