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Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter is to introduce Satchel One, this is an online learning platform that can be accessed by any internet device.

What is Satchel One?

It is a very simple on-line homework platform which includes home learning information, deadlines, web-links, worksheets and attachments for students and parents. It can be accessed via a computer/laptop/tablet/smartphone. In addition, the system will generate daily notifications to remind students of homework due the next day.

How will Satchel One be used by students?

Satchel One will be used to support our home learning and remote learning policies. Students will be able to access their learning via the website.

1. **Home learning** - our home learning policy at John Willmott School is to ensure our students become independent and confident learners, the use of Knowledge Organisers advocates this. Knowledge Organisers are uploaded to Satchel One. Students will need to complete weekly quizzes set on Satchel One for all their subject areas.
2. **Remote learning** – In the event of your child having to self-isolate, work will be uploaded. We will direct you to which lessons students will need to access for their period of self-isolation.

A copy of this letter has been sent to your home address containing the access codes for yourself and your child to login to the online platform, along with an enclosed FAQ booklet.

Please note the Password must be changed by the student on a school computer before they can login at home. If your child has not yet done this, please ask them to speak with their Form Tutor.

Please support your child in using the online platform and making best use of their knowledge organisers at home. There are also videos on the [Remote Learning page \(https://jws.bham.sch.uk/students/remote-learning/\)](https://jws.bham.sch.uk/students/remote-learning/) on the school website and our [Youtube channel \(https://www.youtube.com/c/JohnWillmottSchoolSuttonColdfield/videos\)](https://www.youtube.com/c/JohnWillmottSchoolSuttonColdfield/videos) which explore best practice when using knowledge organisers at home to develop understanding and allowing our students to be able to retrieve key information.

What if we do not have a computer/laptop/tablet/smartphone?

Don't worry, students who don't have access to Satchel One at home can still use their planner as normal and teachers will continue to ensure that resources are provided.

Yours faithfully

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