



5 January 2020

Dear parents and carers,

School arrangements during the national lockdown period.

I had hoped to be writing to you with a more upbeat message at the start of 2021. As you will be aware, on Monday evening, as part of a national lockdown, the Prime Minister announced that schools will remain closed until February half-term. Therefore, I am sorry to have to be writing to outline revised arrangements for school for the foreseeable future.

This means that for the vast majority of children their schooling will be online until at least February half term. The children of key workers and vulnerable students will be able to attend school. If this applies to you we have already notified you of these arrangements in a letter earlier today.

For those doing their learning remotely we will put in place our four-strand remote learning model starting from Wednesday 6 January:

- Six recorded lessons each day as per your child's timetable.
- Daily live Form Time at 12.45 pm each day.
- Acknowledgement and feedback on your child's work once it has been submitted.
- Live feedback lessons in each subject (**Starting from Monday 11 January*).

It is important that all students in all year groups complete all the work in all their subjects at this time.

As well as ensuring that your child is able to keep on with their learning at this time, we will also ensure that their wellbeing and safety is a key part of our engagement with you and them. We will be in regular contact with you and your child during this period.

The Prime Minister also announced that it is not fair for all exams to go ahead as normal this summer and that alternative arrangements are going to be put in place to ensure all students with exams can progress fairly.

We do not have precise detail on this yet, but I will write to parents and students due to complete exams this year, separately on this matter and how we as a school will approach this important period for them. The Government's Education Secretary is due to make a statement on this matter on Wednesday 6 January.

The vast majority of staff will be in school. We will be completing a COVID-19 testing programme for staff and students who are in school. Please continue to contact us through our normal channels.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Kieran Larkin
Headteacher

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