

5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to you today following the announcement last night from the Prime Minister, closing schools until at least February half term. As we had remote learning in place for these first 2 weeks of term anyway, initially there is little change and this will continue until the end of lockdown. I wanted to write to reassure you further that we have plans to secure your children's remote learning.

In the first instance, students should check their Microsoft TEAMS calendars so they are clear on the expectations for their lessons. Attendance to all lessons will be recorded and monitored.

If your child has a confirmed place in our key worker and vulnerable provision, they are able to attend as agreed if you are unable to accommodate them at home.

The Prime Minister has stated that he does not think it is possible for all exams in the summer to go ahead as planned. We will need to await further guidance before advising Year 11 and 13 students on the next steps. For now, the trial exams that we had in place, will *not* go ahead. However, at the time of writing this letter, the Btec exams planned for this week and next are currently expected to be running as scheduled. Further details will be shared with pupils on these shortly.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. I want to reassure you that we will be working hard to make sure that our standard of teaching will continue and we will support our children through these challenging times.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Gabbi  
Principal