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Dear Parents and Students

As I am sure you are all aware the government announced an initial six week period of remote learning to at least February half term.

Remote Learning Provision

Remote learning will be presented differently to that of the first lockdown. From 11 January the majority of lessons for Years 11, 12 and 13 will have live input through Google Meet. This will be the case for Years 9 and 10 from Monday 18 January.

During this period of remote learning:

- We expect students to follow their normal timetable from home when they are learning remotely. The timing of lessons each day will be as follows for all year groups
 - P1 9.20am-10.20am
 - P2 10.25am- 11.25am
 - P3 11.45am-12.45pm
 - P4 1.20pm - 2.20pm
 - P5 2.25pm-3.25pm
- We expect students to participate fully in their lessons using materials on Google Classroom and to join their lessons 'live' online via the Meet link at the top of their Google Classrooms
- Teachers will endeavour to be available online as per the timetable to direct learning, help students to engage with the learning materials and provide support. Staff will inform students in advance if this is not possible
- Student participation and engagement in lessons will be monitored and follow-up calls will take place where we have concerns

Preparing for the Online Lesson

- Students can participate in the online lesson through any computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone. The video lessons are hosted on 'Google Meet'
- Students should have their microphones turned off at all times unless asked a question by their teacher

- It is optional whether students are 'seen' during the live lesson. Along with a 'Mute' function there is the option for the student webcam to be turned off, meaning the other participants cannot see them. In this case their Google Drive 'profile picture' which will be displayed in their video tile. Please ensure students' profile picture is appropriate
- Should the students choose to use the default setting of the webcam being active, we will expect them to:
 - make sure they are appropriately dressed when attending an online lesson in a communal space where possible
 - make sure their background is appropriate when attending an online lesson
 - make sure there are no family members in the background of the video and they are in a communal space within the household wherever possible

Collection of Books and other Resources

We will be in contact later this week regarding the collection of essential books and materials from school.

Remote Access from Home

Reliable access to a device is needed to access remote learning. If you have not already done so, please complete this [form](#) if your child does not have reliable access to a chromebook or any other suitable device which would allow them to complete all of their remote learning. We will be in touch as soon as possible to arrange provision.

Free School Meals

The Christmas FSM voucher scheme has been extended to cover this period and you will receive additional vouchers in due course.

Exams

The Prime Minister announced that GCSE and A Level exams will not take place this summer in the usual way. We do not as yet have any further detail as to what this means but will communicate further information as soon as it becomes available. I am well aware of the anxiety this uncertainty will cause but want to reassure our students that their hard work will not go unrecognised and that none of the efforts that they have shown so far, and will continue to show, will be wasted. Students' efforts will be reflected in their final grade no matter how that grade is awarded. Grades will be awarded in a fair and objective way. The value of any final grade is not being altered, only the way in which it is administered. You will still be able to progress to Sixth Form, college or university in the usual way.

All teachers are aware of the current situation and will do all they can to support our students over the coming weeks. For now it is essential that students attend all live

lessons, complete all work set to the best of your ability knowing that it will still make a difference to your final grade.

Scheduled exams in IT, Health and Social Care and Sport will take place as planned. A separate communication will be sent to students taking these detailing arrangements.

Rapid Testing for Schools

Our understanding at this time is that this will still be implemented for staff and students working in school during this period. Further details regarding the testing process, the logistics and time scales for those involved will be sent in due course.

I appreciate this is a lot of information to digest and that there still remains a lot of uncertainty over the current situation. Please be assured that I will keep you in touch with updates as needed over the coming days and weeks.

Once again, thank you for your continued support at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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