

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, and once again, I must thank everyone who has taken their time to contact school. It is a difficult time for everyone and it is important that if you do have a question or concern it is raised with us. We will do our best to respond individually or through a general communication as well as referring them onto the LEA.

Since my last communication, we are continuing to work closely with the LEA and now DFE to ensure we move away from the emergency situation and return to some level of normality soon. From tomorrow we will have representatives from the temporary accommodation suppliers starting the groundwork for the additional classrooms. This work will continue for a number of weeks. Once we have an approximate timescale, I will immediately share this with parents & carers.

I completely understand how difficult a situation many families find themselves in and how frustrating it is that I cannot give a clearer return date as yet. This frustration is shared by everyone involved but I am confident that timescales will become a lot clearer once work begins on site.

The LEA have been incredibly supportive and have been quick to support the school. They have recently finished fitting a temporary kitchen in school. This will allow us to serve a limited hot food menu for students. This week we have also returned to a split lunchtime for each of the year groups attending. As we receive more temporary accommodation these plans will change I look forward to updating parents and carers of further adjustments in the coming weeks.

I can share, however, next week's KS3 rotation for Years 7, 8 and 9. This is as follows:

Monday

Years 10 & 11 plus Year 9 are in school for face to face teaching. Years 7 & 8 are remote learning.

Tuesday

Years 10 & 11 plus Year 7 are in school for face to face teaching. Years 8 & 9 are remote learning.

Wednesday

Years 10 & 11 plus Year 8 are in school for face to face teaching. Years 7 & 9 are remote learning.

Thursday

Years 10 & 11 plus Year 9 are in school for face to face teaching. Years 7 & 8 are remote learning.

Friday

Years 10 & 11 plus Year 7 are in school for face to face teaching. Years 8 & 9 are remote learning.

There will also be a small group of invited KS3 students in school.

We will also continue to provide vouchers for students eligible for free school meals when they are on remote learning.





Remote Learning arrangements.

From the 27 of November, when a year group is working from home they will now participate in 'live' lessons on Microsoft Teams. These will last 30 minutes with additional independent work to complete for the remaining time. Staff will be completing registers during these sessions. Remote learning on MS Teams provides an opportunity for Q&A to take place and for staff to give feedback instantly to the work students are completing.

Students will have access to all their class invites on Microsoft Teams which they can access online or download as an app on most electronic devices. Students must login to these sessions with their normal school login information. We are aware that for the majority of our students they haven't worked on Teams before and we will be sending out a comprehensive set of instructions and expectations to you in the coming days.

Timetable from 28 November

All students must check their timetables on Classcharts for any amended rooms. Students attending will be given paper copies of their timetables and any blanks on these mean that students will have remote learning on that day and not be in school.

Examinations

A reminder, this week's examinations are more complicated as they involve the option subjects and the sciences. Please see below:

- Option D Travel and Tourism (No exam Thursday Morning)
 - Business Enterprise (No exam Thursday Morning)

Thursday 23 November most students are in school in the morning for their Option D exam. These students will complete the exam and then if they are not doing Music go home. Music students will remain in school and go to Period 2 and 3 then early lunch, then sit their Music exam at 1pm. A small number of students do not have an option D exam on Thursday and if they are not doing Music they are not in school.

Friday 24 November all students are in school all day. Those that do not have the RS exam will be in lessons all day. Those that have the RS exam will complete this Period 1 and into Period 2 then go to their Period 2 lesson and complete the rest of the day as normal.

Monday 27 November all students are in school all day. In the morning all students will be completing the postponed mathematics paper 1 exam. They will then complete the rest of the day in their normal lessons. Students taking French will go to lessons period 2 and 3. They will then go to early lunch and sit the French Listening and Reading papers at 1pm.

Finally, thank you again for all your support and patience. If there is anything the school can support with please do not hesitate to make contact.

I look forward to writing to you again later in the week.

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Yours sincerely

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