

January 2020,

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Following on from the statement by the Government last night, in which a full national lockdown and therefore change to the provision of education for primary age children was announced, we are having to review our plan for remote learning for this week.

Some of our staff are now having to work from home whilst also supporting their own children and I am sure you can appreciate that this will impact on their ability to deliver lessons live during the school day. Our staff are doing everything that they can to ensure that your child's education continues as close to "normal" as possible and will continue to deliver live as much as they can but you may notice that more lessons are pre-recorded or provide your child with work to complete rather than live delivery. In some instances, it may be that work is set centrally by 1 member of the department whilst our staff adjust to the changes.

Your child should continue to raise queries and ask for support with work from their class teacher and they can do this via e-mail or SMHW. Staff will respond as soon as they can but it may be that some of our staff have to change their hours of work to fit in with childcare and may not respond immediately.

Please be assured that we will continue to monitor this situation and keep you informed of changes – your continued support and understanding is appreciated during these unprecedented times. From the 11th January we expect to be able to run a full timetable of live and recorded lessons for your children, wherever this is possible.

With regards to exam classes and the examinations for year 11 and 13 students, the Education Secretary is due to make an announcement in the coming days to give more detail on the process for assessment. With regards to January external exams, the DfE have currently said that these are expected to continue as planned. More information will follow as we get it.

Yours sincerely,

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