



29 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have had a good week and that you and your family are well.

Reopening of schools to all students

I expect that you will have seen the Prime Minister's announcement that schools will not reopen until 08 March at the earliest. The timescale for reopening should be confirmed by Monday 22 February (two weeks before this date) and we will update you once we have these further details. We can confirm that we will be continuing to deliver remote education through Google Classroom for the next four school weeks. Whilst this may feel like a long time, I am thankful that we now have an indication of the timescale we are working towards to welcome students back into school.

Key information for students

Key pieces of information for students are posted in the different Year Group classrooms on Google Classroom. These include information about assemblies, house competitions and activities. Please encourage your child to check this information on a regular basis, as well as completing their learning tasks and joining Google Meet lessons.

Feedback from students

As part of our pastoral monitoring of students we are asking them to fill in a quick questionnaire that is posted in Google Classroom. This allows students to give us feedback on how they are coping with remote education and identifies any support they may need from their pastoral team. The next questionnaire will be posted on Monday 01 February and should be completed by 17:00 on Tuesday 02 February. Please encourage your child to complete this questionnaire.

'Screen Free' Days

We are conscious that students and members of staff are spending long periods of time sat working at computer screens during this period of remote education. We also know that students would benefit from time to consolidate their learning so that they don't feel overwhelmed by work, or left behind.

We believe it is important that we continue to put wellbeing at the centre of our decision making. We will therefore be building in days where students and staff can choose to work away from screens. No lessons will be delivered on these days, but students will be given a choice of activities they can complete. These will include activities such as;

1. Revision of content that has been already covered this half term
2. Completion of any outstanding tasks
3. Further reading about a subject they would like to improve their knowledge of
4. Some practical activities linked to different subject areas

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Teachers will use this time to further develop their planning and delivery of remote education and complete marking and feedback for students.

These days will be on the following dates

- Wednesday 10 February
- Thursday 04 March

The second of these two dates may change once we have received more information from the Government about the return to school.

We will provide further details about the activities for 10 February by Friday 05 February. Key worker and vulnerable students, who are working in school, will also be able to complete non-screen based activities on these days.

Full details of our Remote Education offer can be found on the school website.

Year 9 Option returns

If your child is in Year 9, please remember to submit their option form by 9am on Friday 05 February.

Free School Meal Vouchers

We are currently issuing Free School Meal vouchers through Edenred. This is the voucher scheme that is funded by the Government. These vouchers are not available for the February half term holiday, so we will issue 'Wonde' vouchers instead for this week.

If you think that you are entitled to receive Free School Meal vouchers and these haven't been issued to you, please contact school to confirm the email address we have for you on our system.

Parent/Carer Governor Election

A vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent/Carer Governor has become available. We will be sending some further information out about this vacancy next week. Please look out for this if you are interested in joining the governing body.

Stay safe and well.

Best wishes for a restful weekend.



Dave Hewitt
Headteacher