

26/01/2023

Dear Families,

Further to the letter, which was sent earlier in the week, I write to update you about the plans for next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.

We stated that our intention is to keep schools open wherever possible and take all reasonable steps to ensure that this is the case. However, the school needs to ensure that in doing so, it can meet the health and safety requirements for students and for those staff who do not wish to strike.

We have taken the difficult decision to only open the school to Year 11 and Year 13 students who are close to their final formal assessments, and to identified students who currently receive additional support. All other children will be set work to complete at home.

#### **Year 11 in school**

All Year 11 students will be required to come into school for their usual start time, in full school uniform, with their equipment packs and knowledge organisers as normal, and be ready to learn. They will attend masterclasses for core subjects and attend an important session on revision skills, which is vital to prepare our Year 11 students for their mock exams which start after the February half term. Students need to enter the school in the usual way. Students will finish at 3:00pm that day and there will be no period 7 sessions run that afternoon. Buses will run as usual.

#### **Year 13 in school**

All Year 13 students will be required to come into school as usual. They will attend their usual lessons where possible or will be expected to carry out personal revision. This is vital preparation for their final mock exams, which start after February half term.

#### **Students who receive additional support**

We have identified a number of students in other year groups who we think will benefit from completing work in school on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Families of these students will be contacted via MyEd by the end of this week to confirm this with them. Identified students will come to school for their usual time entering through the usual entrance in full school uniform, with their equipment packs and knowledge organisers as normal, and be ready to learn. Students will finish at the normal time.

Unfortunately, we are unable to have any other students on site due to school needing to be able to meet health and safety requirements for those in school.

**Students in school who are eligible for free school meals**

For Year 11 students and identified students who will be in school on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023, who usually receive a free school meal, lunch will be provided as usual.

**Students learning from home who are eligible for free school meals**

Students who are eligible for free school meals and who are not in school (as they will be learning from home) on the 1<sup>st</sup> February, will be able to pick up a pre-ordered grab bag from the main hall during dismissal on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**.

To order these for your child(ren), please complete the following link by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 2:30pm** - <https://forms.office.com/e/4gpEBEnPaU>

We will not be able to provide free school meals unless you have filled in the above form. If this causes you an issue, please contact the relevant Head of Year for your child/children. These bags will need to be stored in the fridge when students get home.

**Remote learning**

For students who are learning from home (Year 7, 8, 9 and 10), remote learning will be set. Links to this work will be available on Show My Homework and via Microsoft Teams. If your child will not be able to access the online work, due to not having the internet or a device, please contact school so we can arrange alternative work for them.

Again, we realise that this may cause you disruption, for which we apologise. Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience during this time.

Yours sincerely



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