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Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: UPDATE TUESDAY, 5TH JANUARY 2021

I know that once again this letter will find you in another strange and difficult situation, but we will continue to do all we can to support students and their families through this national lockdown. You will by now be aware that there is a national lockdown, which means that the school will move to remote learning for the vast majority of students except for those that are key worker/vulnerable children; this will commence today.

A reminder this lockdown means your child must not be out of the house for any reason that does not fall within the exceptions. The full national guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

Key Worker/Vulnerable Student Provision

Please ensure we know that your child will be attending our on-site provision; if you have not already requested a place and will need provision to be made for you from Monday, 11th January, you will need to book this by completing the form on our website here:

<https://www.fulstonmanor.kent.sch.uk/form/?pid=1549&form=72>

Please note that students attending this provision should be in full school uniform and should be wearing face coverings in communal areas and corridors and would be advised to wear them in classrooms too. These students will be grouped into key worker 'bubbles' and will be socially distanced in classrooms. They will be undertaking the same work in school, under supervision, as their peers are doing at home and so they need to bring their own earphones to school. Further information on the categories of key worker/vulnerable students can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Vocational Examinations

All vocational examinations for January (BTEC/LIBF/Business Studies) are to still go ahead as scheduled. These will take place in the Sports Hall as per the published timetable students have already received; students should arrive to the Sports Hall 15 minutes prior to the start of the examination. Stringent measures will be in place to ensure social distancing and other Covid measures are applied; as a consequence a new seating plan will be published outside the Sports Hall and students will need to check this on arrival.

Summer Examinations

It has been announced that the summer examinations as previously planned have been cancelled. We are awaiting further information and consultation from Ofqual regarding what this means for students in Year 11, 12 and 13. We will of course keep you updated as this evolves.

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For the moment, PPEs are cancelled in school but it is imperative that students continue to engage well with the online learning and continue to study. It is quite possible that some sort of 'controlled assessment' or other form of testing will take place and students need to continue to work towards that in the coming weeks while we await further clarification.

Remote Learning

We began remote learning yesterday for some groups, with blended learning available for KS3. To enable regular high-quality live lessons, a lockdown timetable will be published to start on Wednesday. If you do not have suitable online access please do let your year team know immediately; we have some limited equipment we will aim to distribute.

Children Entitled to Free School Meals

We are already making provision for the next week for those children who are entitled to free school meals. We will be in contact again in the next few days to make further arrangements with you.

Lateral Flow Testing

We have been asked to continue with the asymptomatic testing of those key worker students that are in school (for whom we have consent) and of staff and so we will continue to set this process up. For now, this means we may be able to mostly staff this internally and so to all those who have volunteered to help, we may be in touch again in February. Please continue to complete the consent forms if you do consent, so we have this ready to roll out as soon as more students are on site.

Support for Students and Families

As we know from previous experience, a national lockdown can be a challenging time for families. Please do not suffer in silence – if you need support in any way, please do not hesitate to contact your child's year team, in confidence. We will do whatever we can to support you.

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable Children

For those children who are clinically extremely vulnerable, and in receipt of a letter from the GP or Consultant to this effect, shielding arrangements are in place again.

I am sure there will be more information in the coming days and we will be in touch again to send you the remote learning timetable for all students. If we can support you in any way through this time, then please do not hesitate to contact us. We will get through this once again through supporting each member of our community. I wish you all the very best and hope you stay safe and healthy.

Yours faithfully



Mrs S Burden
Head of School