



5th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am afraid that I am having to write to you again so soon after my previous correspondences due to the national lockdown announced by the Prime Minister yesterday evening.

Like all educationists, I am really sorry to be closed now to our full school community. Whilst this is the case, we will do our very best to ensure the highest standards of teaching and learning for all students. We will also ensure that optimal health and safety procedures are being maintained for those students and colleagues who come on to the school site. Please rest assured that we will be making swift plans in preparation for a full return of all students at some point in the hopefully near future. We have to work to the understanding that all students will return, after February half-term, and ensure that your daughter stays focussed on maintaining the best attitude she can have towards her schooling...whether working remotely or on site. I know I can count on you to support her, help her to be equipped and on-time for broadcasted sessions. Lessons will be 'live-streamed' as much as possible each day. There may be occasions when some 'off-line' work is issued if staff are unavailable due to illness. We will review this as we progress through the half-term as many hours of continuous exposure to screens may not be the best balance.

Whilst some students may enjoy the short-term novelty of a lockdown; there are many who feel unsettled and isolated. Please let us know if your daughter is experiencing any difficulties via contact with her Form Tutor, Lead Tutor or Pastoral Manager. They are here to help and will do their very best to support your daughter. Please remind your daughter of the "My Wellbeing" section on Frog <https://frog.davisonhigh.school/> and Davison Wellbeing on Instagram, search for *wellbeing_davison*

The current situation will be a particularly unsettling time for our Year 11 students, who have been preparing for mock examinations and the changes that we had to factor in over the last week or so. I would like to reassure those students, and their families, that no revision time has been wasted. Any opportunity to reinforce knowledge previously taught can only be a good thing. It is our plan to reintroduce our mock examination process at a later date when safe to do so. Timetables and revision lists will be given out in good time. All I would advise in the meantime is that students stay focussed on doing their very best in online lessons and submit work as and when requested to do so. Our process of awarding grades, if asked to do so by OfQUAL, was very robust and fair last year...I have no reason to think it will not be any different this time around. Please endeavour to read updates from Mr McDonald-Bowyer (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Thompson (Exams Officer) as and when they come are sent.

For those students who will be coming on to site over the lockdown period...I would like to brief you on some changes to discuss with your daughter in order to be safe and prepared for lessons. In view of this, please ensure that:

- Your daughter travels to school, wherever possible, without using public transport. Parents/Carers are respectfully asked not to drop/collect students who are outside of their family bubble. Registration will start at 8.40am. All lessons will finish at 3.10pm, each day, until further notice.
- Your daughter has a face covering (plus spares) and hand sanitiser each day. Face coverings are to be worn when moving around the site...indoors or outdoors.
- Your daughter is in full school uniform or full PE kit, in accordance with her timetable.

- Your daughter has all stationery and equipment as we will not be distributing items within school.
- From Monday 11 January 2021, your daughter brings headphones, with a cable and 3.5 mm headphone-jack (A small round connector for accepting a pin-shaped plug from a standard pair of headphones), Air-pods and lightening-type connectors will not be able to connect to our hard-drive computers. Headphones with USB connectors will be fine.
- Your daughter has a packed lunch each day and a water bottle. (More information will follow for students who are in receipt of free school meals.)
- Your daughter has a reading book.
- You have completed the consent form for your daughter to be tested, via a lateral flow device, if you would like this to happen.

Please forgive me if there are updates as we go through the next week or two. We are all working at quite a pace to get our provision up-and-running. In the meantime, very best wishes to you and your families. Stay safe and, once again, keep us informed of how we can help in any way.

Yours faithfully

Chris Keating
Headteacher