

5th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

This is a further update after the Prime Ministers announcement last night of a return to full national lockdown.

Yesterday as part of a pack of information posted to you I included my last letter. Please disregard the information on this letter as it is now out of date.

As announced by the PM all schools are now closed until February Half Term in order to help stop the spread of Coronavirus.

Any student **in any year group** that is classified as vulnerable or has an EHC plan should be in school. We will continue to contact these parents and encourage school attendance. Parents who are keyworkers and would like their child to attend school should telephone the main school office or email post@wexham.slough.sch.uk providing evidence of employment. Thank you to all of you that have been in contact. All other students must continue with their learning remotely via 'Show My Homework;' where we will also now be posting taught lessons by our staff alongside our direction to taught material by, for example, 'The Oak Academy'.

I appreciate that these are concerning times for all us. However, parents may especially be anxious in regards to Year 11 and 13 students who will be sitting their examinations. Despite the announcement there is no clarity yet as to how students will be assessed this year. Gavin Williamson, the Education Secretary, will apparently be making a statement on this tomorrow (Wednesday).

You will be receiving through the post a pack of information regarding Covid Testing in school. This was posted yesterday before the PMs announcement. We have been told to continue to prepare for testing when the students return. Therefore, all this information is still relevant, even if it may be some weeks away. When students return please ensure they bring the consent form with them. A reminder that testing is optional.

At the present time the DFE have made no announcement on whether Free School Meal Vouchers will be provided similar to the last lockdown in the Spring/Summer.

I apologise for the late notice of these arrangements and the ongoing changes but we can only respond once these announcements have been made by the government.

Please keep safe and well and look after each other during this extremely difficult time and I will update you if and when there are new announcements.

Yours sincerely



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