



Bishop Stopford's School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update and National Lockdown

I am sorry to be writing to you so soon after my letter of the 31st December, but as I am sure you are aware, the situation has once again changed. On Monday evening, the Prime Minister announced a [new national lockdown](#) which means that we should stay at home as much as possible to slow the spread of the virus and support the NHS so that they do not become overwhelmed.

Learning will now be on line for all students until the February half term, with the exception of [vulnerable children and young people](#) and the children of [critical workers](#) only, follow the links here for more information. Critical workers should contact school in advance if they require in school provision for their child via the following email, generaloffice@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk, giving their details, the name of their child and a contact phone number so that we can call to make arrangements, which will help us plan. **All other children will need to stay at home, we ask that you do not send your child into school to support us in controlling the virus and keeping our community safe.**

REMOTE LEARNING

We know how important education is to our young people and we will be **providing remote learning for all classes as of 11th January 2021**. Where possible, lessons will be live streamed for all examination groups, with some live streaming also being in place for our students in KS3. Students will follow their usual timetable on line including a tutorial period.

During this period, we have been doing all we can to ensure that every child has access to remote learning. We have been surveying parents to ensure that all of our students have an electronic device at home and the overwhelming majority of students are now fully equipped. However, if your child is still without a device, unable to connect to the internet or is experiencing technical issues please do get in touch with us via their Head of Year.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS DUE TO SIT EXAMS?

All scheduled exams for January 2021 will continue as planned. We will be following strict guidance on social distancing, hand hygiene, face coverings and ventilation in this period to ensure your child's safety. Exams are important, and our students must undertake them whenever it is safe and possible. If your child is sitting an exam in January, you should have already received a letter of instruction from the Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Robbins. If you are unsure of the procedures for these exams, do please get in touch with us by email generaloffice@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk

Summer exams

The Government have announced that it will not be possible for all exams to go ahead as normal this summer and that they will work with Ofqual and the exam boards on alternative arrangements. At present, we do not have the detail of how students in exam groups will be assessed. Whilst there is uncertainty at this time, it is very important that students in Year 11, 12 and 13 in particular continue to attend all online lessons as it is likely that the work that students are currently completing will be vital in any assessment. We want to give our students the best possible chance of achieving the grades they have worked so hard for. We must use this time to consolidate learning and ensure that we have a strong evidence base of achievement.

MASS RAPID TESTING

You will have received a letter from the school on the 4th January, outlining the procedure for mass testing together with information with regard to consent for the Lateral Flow test (LFD) and a privacy notice. It is important that we receive consent from all parents in order for us to undertake mass testing, **but we require consent from all those sitting exams next week by noon on the 7th January 2021** in order for us to test as many students as possible before the exams. This will support us in ensuring a COVID secure environment during the exam process. We will be contacting those students affected to arrange individual test appointments for Friday 8th January 2021.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Parents / Carers of students who are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) will receive a voucher covering the first two weeks of term whilst we work on our longer term plans. We will be writing separately to all FSM parents / carers when we have issued the vouchers explaining how they can be accessed. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you need any assistance.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have a safeguarding concern within school hours please send an email to generaloffice@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk requesting a safeguarding call from one of our safeguarding team who will respond to you as soon as possible. Please do not put details of your concerns in that email. If the concern is outside of school hours or an immediate safeguarding concern please click ChildrensMASH@enfield.gov.uk for support from the Safeguarding Enfield Partnership or click <https://www.kooth.com/urgent-support> to access urgent support from a crisis service.

I will be continuing to contact you via letter, text, email and the website as more information is filtered through to me from Government. Please do check our communication channels regularly so that you are well informed of any updates

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via generaloffice@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,



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