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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: National Lockdown

You will now be aware that the Prime Minister announced last night that a new national lockdown will come into force from Wednesday 6th January. In light of this decision, the school now has to change its provision in line with new statutory expectations. During the lockdown **schools will only remain open to the most vulnerable children and children of key workers.** By limiting attendance in schools to these two groups only, we are best able to minimise all contacts outside of households which in turn will reduce the spread of infection. With this in mind, we ask all key workers to only send your child into school if you have no alternative childcare provision. Equally, we will also be reducing staffing levels in school by allowing staff who are able to work from home to do so, which also changes the provision for students in school. There will be a staff rota in school.

Students in school

All students in school will access their remote learning from an ICT suite and will be supervised by school staff. They will follow the timings of a normal school day and the group will form a social bubble. It is important that students attending school are fully compliant with all safety measures and they do not attend if they have been contact traced or are showing symptoms of COVID-19. All students in school are required to be in full uniform. **Students to arrive in school using the main front entrance only for 8:30am.**

Students at home

All students at home will be able to access their learning via live lessons or ClassCharts. Our aim is that the vast majority of lessons are live to provide children with a structure to the day. **All students are required to log in at 8:35am with their Form Tutor for a daily welfare check and to receive important messages for the day.** Students will then follow the timings of the day which you can find in the guidance document enclosed. All resources being used for lessons will also be uploaded on ClassCharts. The school will monitor student engagement with remote learning closely and will intervene where necessary. We thank all parents in advance for their support with home learning.

Finally, we also learnt yesterday that summer examinations have been cancelled. I have no further information to share with you on this matter but will do so as soon as possible. Our message to both Year 11 and Year 13 students is to continue with studies and engage with all learning fully to support any future assessments to be made by teachers. Some of the vocational examinations planned for this term will go ahead. Please check on ClassCharts for further details.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on

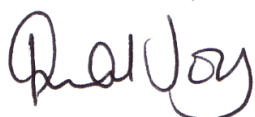
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you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so using email and phone contacts.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'K Grewal-Joy'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'K' being prominent and the last name 'Grewal-Joy' following in a continuous script.

Mrs K Grewal-Joy
Headteacher