



Tring School

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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing in response to the Prime Minister's address last night regarding the new National Lockdown restrictions. It is with regret that we find ourselves in a position again where we have to move from face to face teaching back to online remote learning for most students.

The Prime Minister confirmed last night that all schools will move to online remote learning for all year groups with immediate effect. It is most likely that schooling will remain remote for all students until February half term. He also shared that 'exams will not go ahead in the current format'. This statement could have a number of implications and meanings, of which we await further clarification. When I know the exact plans I will share these with you.

We continue to wade through uncharted waters, with so many unknowns and variables and with the realistic option that plans may change over the next few days or weeks. Our initial response to this news is outlined below.

Wednesday 6 January - INSET Day. School is closed for all students.

Thursday 7 January - All Years (7-13) until further notice

- Lessons will be delivered remotely via Google Classroom.
- Students are expected to follow their timetable as outlined on Go4Schools (please note that the timings of the day are detailed below - these are different from what is shown on Go4Schools). Students can access the links to their online lessons by clicking on the respective lesson on Google Calendar. Each lesson will begin with a 'live register', where students are to join each scheduled lesson with cameras on.
 - Teachers will then set a variety of live interactive and independent learning activities for the duration of each lesson.
 - Just like the last lockdown, please ensure that your child/ren is ready for their day - has had breakfast and has a place to work.
 - Each day, a team of teachers will be supporting the learning of eligible students in school. On this day they will place a notice on the google classroom and independent learning activities will be set for students at home. If the teacher is ill, work will also be set on students google classroom.

Please can I ask you to look at our [Remote Learning Guide](#) with your child/ren to familiarise yourself with our school expectations and watch this [video](#) which outlines how to access all lessons during this period of remote education.

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Any student who does not have access to a Chromebook at home can collect a 'loan device' from Reception on Wednesday 6th January.

If your child experiences any difficulty with their IT or Chromebook, please contact IT@tringschool.org.

Adjusted timings of the day -

	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13
9.00 - 10.00	P1						
10.00 - 10.30	Break	Break	Break	P2	P2	P2	P2
10.30 - 11.00	P2	P2	P2				
11.00 - 11.30				Break	Break	Break	Break
11.30 - 12.30	P3						
12.30 - 1.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	P4	P4	P4	P4
1.00 - 1.30	P4	P4	P4				
1.30 - 2.00				Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2.00 - 3.00	P5						

Tutor Time - initially students will be emailed a link to an assembly/Collective Worship twice a week which they are expected to watch. It is our intention to reintroduce a weekly remote Tutor Time in the near future.

In-school provision - We will be providing supervision for eligible students in school. Mrs Golla will be in contact with all families who have requested this support with further information. If you have any direct questions, please contact her on hgolla@tringschool.org.

Students eligible for Free School Meals - We continue to provide a free lunchtime meal for all eligible students. Families will be contacted directly by Mrs Sharp with further information. If you have any direct questions, please contact her on asharp@tringschool.org.

Year 13 Media Students - We are planning to run your exams as scheduled on Thursday and Friday of this week unless we hear otherwise from the exam board. We will contact you directly, as soon as we have any update from the exam board. For now, assume the exam is happening and keep preparing as you would normally.

Year 13 and 11 - At the time of writing, it is important that students continue to prepare for their scheduled mock exams. It is likely they will take place at a slightly different time and in a slightly different format, however, what we know from last year's experience is that it is crucially important that students have an opportunity to demonstrate their current level of achievement. We will write to all students and parents with a clearer plan of action once we have more information.

Year 13 Mock Exams - 11 - 19th January. We are currently going to postpone these exams until we receive further clarification of the phrase 'exams will not take place in their current format'. Online lessons will resume on 7th January until we have a better understanding of the intention.

Year 11 Mock exams - 18 - 29th January. We would like students to continue to prepare for these mock exams at this time, as we would like to provide the students with an opportunity to display their current level of understanding. The format of the exams may have to change and become online assessments. Further information will follow.

If you have any questions, please contact me at tringschool@tringschool.org

Kind regards

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