

Tuesday 5 December 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Further to the announcement from the Prime Minister that we are to enter a new national lockdown until at least February half-term, I want to share our school plans with you.

All lessons and form periods will be delivered online via teams to all class groups from Thursday 7 January 2021. Please refer to the guides we have sent previously for details of the 'Teams' platform.

The campus at Sevenoaks will be shut for the duration of the national lockdown, our key worker and vulnerable student provision will be delivered from the Tonbridge campus. Students who need to access this provision will be supervised whilst they participate in the online lessons delivered by teachers, to support this please ensure students have a set of headphones to use when in school. If you would like your child to access this provision, and have not yet emailed [attendance@wealdgs.org](mailto:attendance@wealdgs.org), do please ensure you have done so no later than 12pm on Wednesday 6 January in order for us to ensure we have adequate staffing onsite. I would ask that you only take a space in this provision if you need it; we are mindful of the reason that schools are having to shut their doors again and keen to ensure minimal numbers of students and staff are onsite each day to best minimise the risk of transmission as much as we can. Lunch will be available for those who attend school during the lockdown, this will be a take-away offering, collected from the dining room and must be pre-ordered in the morning. The school site will open to students from 8.30 each morning, the site will close at 3.40 in the afternoon.

Free school meals: We will continue to support students who are in receipt of free school meals by providing Sainsbury's vouchers. If you think you may now be entitled to free school meals, do email the school via [school@wealdgs.org](mailto:school@wealdgs.org) so we can support your application. Equally, if you find yourself in financial difficulty over this time, and the support of lunch vouchers would help, please contact us. We are determined that no child should be hungry and no parents or carers anxious about finding food for their children.

Public Examinations in 2021: The Prime Minister confirmed that public examinations due to be sat in the summer have been cancelled, and that the DfE will be working with Ofqual to develop a system of assessment for students in Year 11 and 13 this year. Whilst we await the outcome of this planning, we will continue to deliver all lessons to Year 11 and 13 as timetabled. As soon as we have more information, we will of course share this with you.

Whilst our doors are closed, we are all still here, virtually, to support students and families at this time. Please do not hesitate to contact form tutors, heads of year, subject teachers, heads of department or the senior leadership team if you have any questions or need our support.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and do take care.

Yours sincerely



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