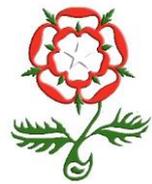


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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following last night's government announcement about the closure of schools until February half term, I would like to outline our response and what it means on a practical basis over the coming weeks.

**Remote Learning** will be provided to students from this week. As outlined in yesterday's email, Yr 11 will have work provided from the first day of term, Wednesday 6th January. Yrs 7 to 10 will have work provided from Thursday 7th January, allowing an extra day for staff to make the necessary arrangements. All students must follow their daily timetable, accessing their lessons through the Google Classroom format. Training has taken place which will ensure that a variety of live lessons, loom recordings and other engaging strategies are used by staff over the coming period. All students should know how to use Google Classrooms and need either a laptop, tablet/iPad or phone to access the work. If you have any concerns about the system or are struggling to access the work due to limited technology, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible. **If this is the case then please contact Mr Thompson (Assistant Headteacher) at [thompsond@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk](mailto:thompsond@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk)**

**Vulnerable Students and children of Key Workers** can be accommodated in school during this period, though the government advice remains that people should stay at home whenever possible. The in-school provision will be run in a strictly defined manner, with only a small number of students expected in the building and each year group bubble being placed in a specific classroom for the school day. If you wish to register your intent to access the in-school provision, then please complete the necessary information on the Google Form below. The deadline for return is **4pm on Thursday 7th January**. We will then respond to those parents by the end of this week.

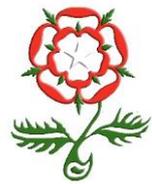
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**Covid Testing** plans for large numbers of students have obviously now been postponed due to the lockdown. However, we are still being directed to test the small number of students who will attend the in-school provision, and further details will be given by the end of the week.

**Year 11 GCSE Exams** will not go ahead in the 'normal' manner, Boris Johnson announced last night. However, we await further details about how these students are to be assessed and will let you know as soon as we get more information. We presume that teacher assessment will form a large part of the final grading, so it is more crucial than ever that our Year 11 students engage with the work that is being taught, with teachers making their assessment partly based on the level of student engagement. We will obviously do everything that we can to provide the necessary intervention and support for Year 11 when

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they return to school in February and if they engage well with the remote learning they will be very well placed to get the results that they deserve.

**Students' routines and mental wellbeing** will clearly be impacted by this situation and we will do all that we can to provide the necessary level of support from a school perspective. We will be organising regular phone call checks, while assemblies will also be scheduled to provide updates to the students and our School Counsellor and Student Support Team will be putting interventions into place for individual students. If you have any worries or concerns about your child at present then please contact either Miss Helme directly ([helmev@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk](mailto:helmev@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk)) or their relevant Learning Co-ordinator.

Further updates will continue to be sent as appropriate while the Elton Times will be used to promote remote learning outcomes and provide specific information from different departments. Thanks for your continued support at this time and please feel free to contact me directly with any queries or concerns about this information.

Best wishes,

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