



Our Ref: MLD/GJW

January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Remote Learning

As per the government announcement last night regarding the national lockdown from Wednesday, please be informed that all learning for all pupils will be remote (with the exception of booked places for vulnerable pupils and children of key workers). Initially, and as per last night's announcement this will be until Friday 12th February 2021, when the school will close for February half term.

Once again, Healing School will remain partially open for those children classed as **vulnerable** and those of **key workers**, further information on who is classed as a key worker can be found using this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

Should you now require this provision, please contact the school office. The school asks that both parents are classed as key workers in order for pupils to access provision in school, so that the number of pupils in school can be managed accordingly.

Work provision

During this period of school closure, all work for pupils will be available on Google Classroom, which should be accessed via Google Classroom codes already issued to your child (should pupils have forgotten their relevant codes, please contact the school office). As per the communication yesterday, pupils should follow their usual timetable throughout the day and access work when their usual lesson would take place. Teachers will be available at the usual time of their lesson to answer live-time questions and queries via Google Mail. Some live lessons will also be trialled, protocols and expectations on live lessons will be sent to you in due course. Live lesson trials will take place for the first few weeks (up to and including Friday 22nd January 2021). Once the trial is complete, the school is exploring the possibility and provision for rolling this out more widely.

Should your child be unable to access Google Classroom due to device access, please contact the school office who can organise physical copies of work to be posted home to you. Furthermore, the school now has access to additional electronic devices which may be available to your child: if your child needs access to a school **loan** device, please contact the school office.



Year 11 Exams

Currently, the school has no further information on the summer GCSE exam series. However, the school will continue to liaise closely with the Department for Education in order to support our Year 11 pupils so that they receive the grades that they deserve and the best ones possible. Year 11 pupils should continue to work as per their timetable. The school has been informed however, that BTEC and Vocational exams scheduled for the January 2021 exam series will still take place, therefore the BTEC Health and Social Care exam on 5th February 2021 will go ahead as planned. Further information regarding this exam will be distributed to relevant parents/carers, in due course.

Free School Meals

The school is working with our external catering supplier to provide weekly food hampers for eligible pupils. Further information will be distributed to eligible parents.

Welfare and Safeguarding Support

The school is committed to supporting the wellbeing of our pupils and therefore parental concerns should be directed to the school's office email (office@healing-school.co.uk). Your child's form tutor will make telephone contact with them throughout this period of school closure/remote learning and as already outlined, your child can contact their class teachers during their usual lesson time via Google Classroom/Google Mail.

Thank you for your continued support and help in keeping our school community safe. The school sends its very best wishes to all pupils and families. Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M. Dewland
Principal