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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your patience as we work through another difficult period for the country as Covid 19 cases surge again. I am trying to pull together a summary of what I think you need to know for the next two weeks all in one letter. Please note that there will be some schoolcomms messages coming out for specific cohorts of exam students (Year 11, 12 and 13) so please look out for these if you have children in these year groups.

External exams

The external exams for vocational subjects in Y11, 12 and 13 are still scheduled to take place this week and next week.

You will be contacted if you have a child in these year groups regarding both Covid testing and the extra revision sessions, which will still be taking place.

We will be Covid testing all students who have an exam over the next two weeks (if they have consent), this Wednesday (6th January). We will be inviting students up in groups of approximately 15, so please look out for a message from one of our admin team.

Free school meals

At present we are providing FSM for those parents who request them. We ask that you visit Wykham Park school reception between 11.00 and 1.00 p.m. to collect the food parcel. In extremis we might be able to deliver to households where there are particular difficulties but we do not have a huge team who are able to do this every day.

Information on our remote learning plans can be found here: [LfH | Futures Institute \(futuresbanbury.org\)](http://LfH|FuturesInstitute(futuresbanbury.org)) and google classroom codes can be found here: [Google Classroom codes | Futures Institute \(futuresbanbury.org\)](http://GoogleClassroomcodes|FuturesInstitute(futuresbanbury.org)). Please do check these carefully using the class codes from your child's paper timetable as some classes have new teachers (and therefore new classrooms) and some KS3 (years 7-9) classes have moved to a different rotation.

Our online learning plan in summary: most lessons will be taught live online through google meet on google classroom (some practical subjects may not be taught live due to the nature of the subject but work will still be posted on the google classroom for students to complete). We remind parents that students should have their cameras off and should only turn on their microphones if their teacher asks them to. Students will be asked to



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submit their work (independent practice) as an assignment on google classroom. They can type this or write it and take a picture and upload it - whichever is preferable for the student.

We will be following a normal timetable for all students whilst they are learning from home.

Period 1 – 9.15 – 10.15

Period 2 – 10.15 – 11.15

Period 3 – 11.30 – 12.30

Period 4 – 12.30 – 1.30

Period 5 – 2.00 – 3.00

While we encourage all students to attend the live lessons, we know that sometimes, if devices are being shared, this might not be possible. We will therefore be recording all lessons and posting these to google classroom once the lesson has finished so that students can complete the work at another time or refer back to the lesson for revision. For students who cannot attend live, we still expect work to be completed and submitted as above. Attendance and completion of work will be monitored and we will contact you if there are issues. We are confident you will support us in ensuring that your child engages with remote learning.

In order to safeguard students online we will only post the link to the google meet once the teacher has joined the classroom so that students are not unsupervised. While we will endeavour that classes begin on time, teachers may be finishing another class just prior to starting your child's class - please allow a few minutes for them to set up the google meet and post this to the classroom. The safeguarding of all students is our utmost priority.

If your child still does not have any access to a suitable device (laptop, Chromebook or tablet), please contact their head of year and we will endeavour to organise for a device to be loaned to them or for paper-based work to be made available.

If you have any questions please email the appropriate member of staff at school and we will endeavour to answer your queries within 24 hours of receipt. As you might imagine we are fielding far more emails than normal so please bear with us.

Best wishes to you and your families as we navigate this difficult time together



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