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Dear parents and carers

Recent Government Announcement

Following the recent government announcement regarding schools, we would like to highlight the current information we have to try and provide some clarity on next steps.

School return date

- The government has set a date of Monday 8th March as being the earliest that schools could start to return should the current situation, in terms of vaccinations and infections rates, continue to improve inline with expectations and targets.
- We do not yet know if this will be a full return for all year groups or if some will return for face to face teaching whilst others continue learning remotely. We will of course keep you updated as soon as we have further information.

GCSE and A-Level Grades

- As previously communicated, the Ofqual consultation regarding the grading of GCSEs and A-Levels this year closes today (Friday 29th January). Final details are scheduled to be released by the government in the week beginning 22nd February.
- There will be further communications to students and parents over the coming weeks regarding upcoming assessments which will help to form the final teacher assessed grade.
- For now, we advise all students to continue working diligently on Google Classrooms and preparing for assessments ahead.

Free School Meals

- Supermarket vouchers will continue being sent to all families in receipt of free school meals during this period of term time closure.

Remote Learning support

- Our students continue to impress us with their determination and commitment as they work remotely. Furthermore, we are extremely grateful for the support of parents during this time of learning at home.
- Remote learning will continue through Google Classrooms in accordance with the school timetable and our Remote Learning Policy ([CLICK HERE](#)). As the lockdown is now being extended, for the first part of next half term at least, we will shortly be providing further support documents along with a brief survey in order to refine our provision.
- If there are any issues regarding access to remote learning, please contact your child's Head of Year or email the dedicated address: wlfh@cooperscoborn.co.uk

Pastoral support

- We will continue to provide enhanced pastoral care and support to students wherever possible over the coming weeks. Our provision includes: assemblies, form tutor Google Meets, phone calls, parent communications and targeted support for those students most in need.
- If your child is struggling, please do not hesitate to contact their Head of Year who will look to offer further assistance wherever possible.



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Reporting cases of COVID

- Please do continue to report any cases of coronavirus for your child to the usual reporting number: 07966 236607. We do need to continue logging this information and also conduct track and trace, including during half term, for any students that are in school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We know this is a truly testing time and have been thoroughly impressed by the adaptability, tenacity and kindness displayed by so many members of our wonderful school community. There is certainly light at the end of the tunnel and we will communicate any further information as soon as we have it.

Yours faithfully

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