



Woodside High School

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Dear parent/carer

As you will already know following the Prime Minister's speech last night, unfortunately schools are now closed until further notice. This is likely to be February half-term but it appears that this situation is fairly fluid and dependent on the R rate across the area falling significantly.

We are bitterly disappointed that this occurrence is once again going to impact on your child's education. Please be assured we will do all we can to support their learning throughout this time via remote means. We fully understand that this is a poor substitute for our excellent teachers but with the materials being prepared by our staff it will mean continuity of learning for your child.

If your child is in Y 11 the announcement last night indicated that GCSE examinations would not take place in the normal format. We are awaiting the Government's discussion with Ofqual to determine exactly what that means for our students. If last year's pattern is repeated again then we will be submitting centre assessed grades from which your child's results will be calculated by the examination board. Last year's results using this method proved to be very positive for our young people and no student at Woodside was disadvantaged by the process. As this matter becomes clearer we will contact you again, but it is important that all Year 11 students continue to work on their subjects as before.

It is essential for your child to develop a clear routine of learning whilst they are at home. Some changes to the timetable were made over Christmas, meaning that some classes might now have a different teacher - you will be able to see this on the enclosed timetable.

Co Interim Head Teachers: Lynne Hardcastle & Tracey Rollings



Lessons provided online replicate this new school timetable and they will have a variety of subject activities to work through during the day. The remote learning your child should access mirrors the curriculum they would have followed if they were in school. It is important for them to engage with it so that when we return to school their transition is smooth.

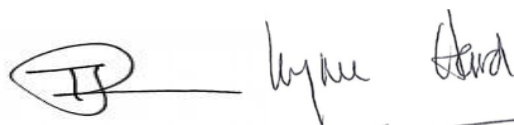
Instructions on how to support your child with their school work can be found on the remote learning section of the school website:

<https://www.woodsidehighschool.co.uk/Learning/Online-learning-resources/>

I know they will miss the social side of school but at least we can give them some structure which gives them stability.

Thank you for your support and understanding in this very difficult time. Please be assured that the Woodside values remain constant and consistent whatever this situation throws at us. We will always be here to do our very best for your child. Tutors will be contacting your child on a regular basis. This term's Y10 and Y7 parents and carers' evening will be postponed and a new date will be sent to you when this is rescheduled

Best wishes

Handwritten signatures of Tracey Rollings and Lynne Hardcastle. The signature on the left is a stylized 'TR' inside a circle, followed by a horizontal line. The signature on the right is 'Lynne Hardcastle' written in cursive.

Tracey Rollings and Lynne Hardcastle
Co-Head Teachers