



5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am again writing to you following another change to our plans, I am sure you will all be aware of the prime ministers announcement last night to begin another national lockdown lasting until February half term. This does mean that we will now have to close to the majority of pupils except those who the government define as vulnerable and those whose parents are key workers.

All learning will now move online and students will now access their lessons remotely via Microsoft Teams as they have done previously. Please find below the new key dates and arrangements.

Wednesday 6th January

School will remain closed to ALL pupils and we will use this as a staff training day to ensure we have everything in place for remote learning.

Thursday 7th January & Friday 8th January

- **School will be closed for the majority of students.** However, School will be **open to vulnerable and key worker children** (please see section on this in the letter below)
- **Y7 – 10** - Students should follow their timetable from home and will be able to access resources uploaded to Microsoft TEAMS. Please note there will be no live remote learning this week for these year groups
- **Y11** – Students should follow their timetable from home and will be able to access live learning for every lesson, attendance will be recorded.

Monday 11th January – Friday 12th February

- Continued face-to-face provision for **vulnerable and key worker children**
- Continued remote live learning for **Y11**.
- Remote live learning begins for **Y7, Y8, Y9 & Y10** - Students in these year groups should access provision remotely through Microsoft TEAMS and they should follow their normal timetables. Attendance will be recorded
- The vocational examinations scheduled for the week commencing 11th January will go ahead.

Remote Teaching and Learning

All students will be able to access live learning on Microsoft TEAMS, student attendance will be recorded and monitored and where we find students are not attending you will be notified and we will also contact home to make sure everything is ok and ICT access is not a problem.

I also need parents to be aware that by accessing live learning you are accepting our online behaviour policy and understand that all live lessons are recorded for safeguarding reasons. These recordings will comply fully with GDPR.

Students should follow their normal timetable and lesson times are below;

- Period One – 9-9.45am
- Period Two – 10-10.45am



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- Period Three – 11-11.45am
- Period Four – 12 -12.45pm
- Period Five – 1 – 1.15pm - Only on Tuesday and Thursday for assembly and welfare form check
- Period Six – 2 – 2.45pm

ICT Access

We will be in touch with those families who have needed to borrow school laptops to access remote learning previously to make sure they have this again. **If you do not have a fully functioning laptop or tablet** that can be used by your son/daughter for 4 hours of remote learning a day, then please email the appropriate member of staff indicated below.

- Y7 – Mrs Rourke – h.rourke@hazelwoodhigh.co.uk
- Y8 – Mr Kershaw – m.kershaw@hazelwoodhigh.co.uk
- Y9 – Mrs Cairns – e.cairns@hazelwoodhigh.co.uk
- Y10 – Ms Ward – j.ward@hazelwoodhigh.co.uk
- Y11 – Mr Doran – p.doran@hazelwoodhigh.co.uk

Vulnerable children / Parents who are critical workers

From Thursday 7th January until Friday 12th February, we will be opening to a small number of vulnerable students from all year groups; we will contact parents and carers of these students directly with arrangements on Wednesday 6th January.

Parents need to be aware that their children will not be taught normal lessons because teaching staff will be delivering remote lessons. Instead, critical students will be supervised by support staff in one of our remaining IT suites whilst they access remote lessons.

If you fall into the critical worker category and would like your child to attend school from Thursday 7th January, you will need to contact us using the email address covid@hazelwoodhigh.co.uk by 9am on Wednesday 6th January at the latest. In your email, please provide the following information:

- child's name, year group and form.
- the exact days that you will require them to attend school.
- evidence that both parents are critical workers (a definition of critical workers can be found at the end of this letter).

We will aim to let you know whether or not we will be able to accommodate your child by 3pm on 6th January at the latest so that you can make alternative arrangements where necessary. **Please do not send your child into school without confirmation of this arrangement.**

Year 11 iMedia students

The department of education have decided that all January exams will continue to go ahead despite the extended return to school date. We will do everything we can to support our students in sitting this exam on the 11th January and will be in touch with these students as soon as we can to let them know the arrangements. In the meantime it is extremely important they access the remote learning in the week before their return. There will be vital live revision sessions for these pupils. We ask that you encourage your child to access these online lessons. Please email Mr



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Falshaw with any issues regarding this so he can send any lost learning directly to your child.

p.falshaw@hazelwoodhigh.co.uk

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of free school meals allowance for your son/daughter, we will make sure that during this period of lockdown you will continue to receive vouchers for this allowance, and we will be in touch directly about this via the text messaging service.

Rapid Testing

This is now obviously on hold but we have been asked to continue to plan for this when the students do return.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on our return tomorrow and we will try to assist in any way we can.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Greenhalgh".

Mr P. Greenhalgh
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Government definition of Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

Health and social care - This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare - This includes childcare, support and teaching staff social workers, specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services - This includes: those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government - This only includes: those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arm's length bodies

Food and other necessary goods - This includes those involved in food: production, processing, distribution sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security - This includes: police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport - This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services - This includes: staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers, waste disposal sectors



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