

Bishop Barrington School



5th January 2021

Dear Parent and Carers,

Last night the Prime Minister announced that all schools close with immediate effect, until February half term. As with the lockdown earlier in in 2020, Bishop Barrington School remains open to welcome children of key workers and children of parents and carers who have been specifically contacted by school. School transport will operate as normal for these children. Parents have previously been texted with criteria for being a key worker, if you meet the criteria and wish for your child to attend school during the lockdown please contact the school at the following email address: keyworkers@bishopparrington.net; (if you haven't done so already), we will then record your details so we know to expect and welcome your child.

For those children in receipt of free school meals you will be issued vouchers to cover this additional period of school closure.

Year 11 GCSE studies

It is crucial that all of our Year 11 students continue to access their learning to make progress with their GCSE/BTEC studies. The government has announced that there will be adaptations to exams in summer 2021. It is essential that Year 11 students keep motivated and keep making progress. We know how hard our Year 11 students have worked, especially since September in order to catch up with any missed learning from the previous lockdown. This hard work has not gone to waste and indeed must continue. Exams are not cancelled, there are likely to be different arrangements. **These arrangements will still require Year 11 students to be 'exam ready' in terms of continuing to study their GCSE/BTEC courses.**

Whilst your Year 11 child is at home they will be expected to follow their normal timetable of live lessons delivered by their class teacher (these include the RISE lessons which will recommence on 11th January). Attendance will be recorded for each lesson (including morning registration).

Students must be able to login to Google Classrooms to then access live streaming lessons via Google Meet. Google Classroom links are on the school website. All lessons will be live streamed via Google Meet. If your child has no access to this they should email remotelarning@bishopparrington.net and the school will look to support them through the government IT access we have been provided. This is a statutory obligation and as such we will be closely monitoring attendance in all live lessons.

We would expect students to login to their Google Classroom each morning. They will have a registration time with their form tutor at 8:30am; this will be used for pupils who may have queries about accessing their lessons, to resolve any issues and to give key notices and deliver assemblies.

Students will then receive their full timetabled lessons. All Google Classroom codes will be on our website ready for the day and students should ensure they join their lesson promptly. Please remember that this current week is 'blue week'. Please find below a reminder of the school day timings.

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Mass Testing

I will write to you again in due course on when (likely to be after February half term) and how the mass testing scheme will be rolled out across school and to ask for your consent for your child's involvement.

I would like to take this opportunity again to recognise the challenging times that our Year 11 students have endured over the past 9 months and to clarify again that their hard work and commitment to their GCSE studies is still expected.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding at this difficult time.

Stay safe,

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