



6 January 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope you are all keeping safe and well during this difficult time. As you are aware from the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday, the country has now entered a national lockdown and instructed people to stay at home to control the virus, protect the NHS and save lives. This means that Stanground Academy is now closed to all students, except for the children of key workers and vulnerable children.

We understand this is a difficult time for all students, more so for those students who have worked so hard towards their exams this year. It is still very uncertain what the Department for Education and Ofqual have planned to mitigate for the exams but as soon as we know any further information we will be in touch.

I would like to say thank you to every one of you, and your children, for the support you have given the Academy during this time. As we now move to a period of remote learning please see the below the plans we have put in place. We are constantly trying to improve the way we carry out remote learning and hope that the staff and students continue to enjoy learning new knowledge and skills.

Remote learning

Students are expected to log into tutor time via Teams before 9.00am. This is an opportunity for students to check-in with their tutor and resolve any queries they may have. Attendance will be taken at tutor time. Students are also then expected to attend lessons on Teams. During the lesson teachers will take a register and explain the tasks for the students. They will then be at hand, either live or via the chat function, to assist with any queries students may have about their learning. Students will be expected to complete their work during their allocated times in accordance with their timetable. It may not be the case that the teachers remain 'live' throughout the whole lesson.

Students should have their cameras switched off (unless asked by the teacher) and communicate with the teacher using the chat tool and/or the hands up tool to notify the teacher of a question on the learning.

If for any reason your child is unable to log into these sessions, please notify us. The Academy will also notify parents/carers if their child has not joined the sessions.

If you have any queries, please contact your child's Year Team via email:

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For any **subject specific** queries please do contact the relevant Curriculum Leader via email:

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English & Modern Foreign Languages
Science, Art, Design & Technology
Humanities & Social Sciences
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Key worker and vulnerable children care

We will, wherever possible, continue to accommodate both key worker and vulnerable children. This will be accessible for students whose parents that are key workers and cannot work from home.

Free school meals

Free school meal vouchers will be issued shortly for the four days this week. We will let you know how further payments will be made as soon as possible.

Please remember to follow our school Twitter account @StangroundAcad which will keep you up-to-date with important school notices. It also showcases all things 'Stanground', students' work and our new 'Wellbeing Wednesday' activities for you and your child to complete during lockdown!

We will continue to update you on any issues as soon as we receive further information.

Yours faithfully



G Carlile
Principal