

5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Update for parents and carers in all year groups following the government lockdown announcement**

You will no doubt be aware of the Prime Minister's announcement about a new lockdown in England. This period is due to last until half term, after which the aim is that face-to-face learning is reintroduced in the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

I am sure you will have many questions and we are keen to be able to answer them effectively to relieve any anxiety or uncertainty you or your child might be experiencing. With this in mind, we plan to schedule a 'Teams Live Event' for you to all access early next week to share updates and respond to key questions. We will share details of this invite in the Weekly Update email on Friday.

This week we will be continuing as already planned with lessons delivered remotely. Please ensure that your child commits to a routine of completing lessons within a regular school day, albeit at home. We are in the process of preparing a short video guide to live teams learning to supplement the guide we shared with parents of Key Stage 4 and 5 parents yesterday. Key Stage 3 students can look forward to live lessons as part of their daily diet from next week. We are also working hard to prepare some new PE challenges to help your child (and yourselves if you wish to get involved) to stay fit and active. As with the first lockdown, we will be sharing attitude to remote learning grades with you, so please encourage your child to work hard and receive top grades and achievement points for their fabulous efforts!

Students attending our mini school (children of key workers and vulnerable children) will access their learning at school. We continue to have a full range of measures in place to keep people on-site safe including Covid-testing, social distancing, additional cleaning and the use of face coverings. Permission is being sought from their parents and carers for them to take part in the Covid-19 lateral flow testing process on a weekly basis. If you are a key worker and would like to access this provision, please complete the form attached [here](#) to make a request. Lateral flow testing will be an aspect of the wider return to school and we will share full details with you closer to the time.

These last days and weeks have seen some significant and urgent changes as the government has shifted strategy in the face of the virus and its impacts. What remains the same is our commitment to delivering first class teaching, learning and pastoral care to all our students. In the first period of lockdown last year our switch to a period of remote learning was effective, immediate and supported

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great engagement, experience and outcomes. As we enter this new period, we are determined to build on this and go further with wide ranging live and interactive experiences.

We will be in touch regularly in the coming days though, as ever, if you have immediate queries please feel free to contact us via [info@shoreham-academy.org](mailto:info@shoreham-academy.org)

Best wishes to you and your families



**Jim Coupe**  
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