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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: The Prime Minister's Announcement

I hope that you and your families are well and have enjoyed the Christmas break. As you will be aware the Prime Minister confirmed yesterday that England would return to a national lockdown and all schools would close until at least February half term for all students (except for those who are vulnerable and those who have a critical worker parent). With this in mind, I wanted to provide you with an update of what this means for Carleton High School.

Remote Learning

We are extremely impressed with the level of engagement in our remote learning since we have returned. As you are aware, we have been streaming all lessons live online, and your child has been keeping to their normal timetable. This will now be extended for the duration of the national lockdown.

Attendance

It is important that all students continue to aspire to achieve fantastic attendance, albeit remotely. There is a clear relationship between excellent attendance and academic achievement, and as such, all online lessons are compulsory. Registers will continue to be taken as normal at the start of each lesson, and we will be in touch with families where students have not logged on as expected. If your child is unable to attend due to illness or other mitigating circumstances, please contact the school.

Year 11 Exams

With regards to public exams, the Prime Minister said, "*it is not possible or fair for all exams to go ahead this summer as normal. The Education Secretary will work with Ofqual to put in place alternative arrangements*". Whilst I recognise that this message may cause some anxiety, it is important to note that the Prime Minister has **not** stated that all public exams will be cancelled. We await further information. In the meantime, year 11 students must remain focussed on their remote learning in anticipation of how their work might be assessed. The situation is changing day-by-day and we will keep you updated as best we can. Please know that your child is not alone, we will continue to do all that we can to support them.

Parents Evenings

As previously communicated, this term's virtual parents' evenings will be held online for all year groups and will go ahead as planned.

Students of Critical Workers

The school remains open for children of critical workers. If you are a critical worker and your circumstances change, meaning that you would now like your child to have a place, please contact school via email at admin@carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk.

Free School Meals

With regard to free school meals, there is already a provision in place for those who have requested it as per our letter dated 31 December 2020. More information about arrangements for free school meals moving forwards will be communicated once we receive further guidance from the Government.

Communication and keeping in touch

Please remember, although we may not be seeing each other face-to-face, we want to do everything we can to support all our families. Our main method of communication during this period of school closure will be through email, text and MCAS, using the details you have already provided. Please provide us with any updates to mobile phone numbers and email addresses for yourself and other contacts registered for your child at admin@carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk.

I would like to end by thanking everyone within our school community at this time. I am confident that, as before, we will continue to meet every challenge as we move through 2021 and I look forward to welcoming students back into school as soon as we are able to do so.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Cross'.

Mrs J Cross
Headteacher