



Leventhorpe

a business and enterprise academy

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student,

Following the move to a full-scale lockdown with the closure of schools, I need to contact you again to outline our provision and operations over the coming weeks. We await further information in some key areas including the format for the grading and assessment of students in Years 11 and 13 in the summer, but we know that for at least the weeks up until February half term we will be operating with remote provision for all but key worker and vulnerable students.

Firstly, I need to empathise with students and families regarding the feelings that you will be processing following the announcement. These will include anger, frustration, sadness and a sense of loss. It is important that these feelings are firstly recognised, then aired and then processed. I hope as a community we can move quickly to a feeling of acceptance and then a sense that the best we can do is to face the reality that has emerged in front of us. This is particularly important for students in Years 11 and 13 and we will contact these students separately with further information.

I hope as households you can find ways to adapt to the new situation and stress that we are here to support and assist you to help our students and your children to engage with their remote learning as fully as is possible. Work will be set on Teams for students to complete. This will be a mix of face to face to sessions and pre-set assignments. Many of our staff will be juggling home schooling of their own children with delivering lessons for our students, and we have asked teaching staff to try to deliver as much as is possible in a face to face format, but we stress this will not always be possible for all staff.

If students have a difficulty with not having a PC, laptop or tablet that can access online learning work then please contact Mrs Price. The government have given us a number of basic laptops that can be given to students, so contact Mrs Price at lep@leventhorpe.net if you think you need one of these.

If there are problems with access to materials or engagement and you wish to discuss issues with the school, please do contact us. Tutors and Heads of Year will be checking in with you and we will be monitoring student engagement with assignments and we will follow up where we identify issues. However, if you have concerns, please be proactive and contact Tutors and Heads of Year in the first instance. If you have specific concerns regarding any safeguarding issues Mr Francis, Ms Price or Mrs Crosby for Sixth Form can also be contacted as the relevant senior staff (apf@leventhorpe.net, lep@leventhorpe.net and cac@leventhorpe.net).

We will be contacting you to update you in due course, the most important priority is that students should check their class Teams following their usual timetable to access lessons.

Regards,
Malcolm White