



DARRICK WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Further to my emails last week, I planned to write to you again today with further details on our remote education provision and plans for mass COVID-19 testing in schools. In light of the announcement this afternoon that the Prime Minister now plans to address the nation at 8pm tonight, I will keep this email brief as it is likely I will be writing to you again soon. All students are to remain at home this week, other than those whose parents have now notified us that their child needs to attend our provision for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. Staff have today spent considerable time putting together plans to enhance our remote learning provision and I hope this will build successfully on that of last term.

Following subject and year group trials, we now plan to embed additional live lessons into the remote learning routines of our students in all year groups. Live lessons will not take place for every lesson and it will vary depending upon the subject, year group and staff availability. I believe this is, however, a significant step forward. Students will need to accept an emailed invite to live lessons, and these scheduled live lessons will then appear in their Teams calendar. In order to ensure live lessons are as successful and impactful as possible, students should ensure they adhere to the guidelines emailed to their school email address earlier today by Mr Eynon, Deputy Head Teacher. If there is not a live lesson invite for a particular lesson, they should continue to use the learning resources found in each Teams Classroom files area. Students are expected to complete learning in all subjects in accordance with their timetable similar to last term, but with the supplement of some live lessons throughout the week.

We have today spent further time planning for the introduction of mass COVID-19 testing and will be writing to you again soon in relation to this.

Yours sincerely

Dr M J Airey
Head Teacher