

5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wrote to you last week following the Government's announcement just before the New Year about when pupils would return to our academy this term.

As you may have seen, the Prime Minister has now announced a new national lockdown because of rising infection rates of Covid-19 and to try to prevent the further spread of the virus. As part of this, all primary schools, secondary schools and colleges in England are to be closed from today for in-person attendance, except for children of key workers or vulnerable children and for those students due to sit January examinations.

The Prime Minister also announced that "not all exams" would go ahead as normal this year and that there would be alternative arrangements. He said the Government would set out further details on this at a later date, and when that information is announced, we will update those of you whose children are due to take exams this year.

From today, for those children already due to be attending in person, we will be maintaining the approach to safe working and infection control that we have adopted throughout the pandemic.
For all other pupils, we will be offering remote provision – this is likely to be until at least the end of the February half-term. High-quality remote learning will be provided to make sure our pupils continue to receive a consistent education. We know that this places pressure on you at a difficult time but your support in helping your child engage as much as possible is vitally important and we are very grateful for all of your efforts. Throughout recent months, you have very much become part of our Bristnall Hall Academy teaching workforce and I thank you for this.

Please ensure your child continues to access Microsoft Teams, logging in daily to follow their timetabled education. Our staff will continue to ensure that the learning and progress continues during this time, please also note that from 8:30am each day, an assembly theme will also be accessible by students through Microsoft Teams too, allowing us to convey key messages appropriately.

We will continue to stay in touch with you of course. Please continue to contact us at the academy reception if you require any further support relating to these arrangements.

I would once again like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this unprecedented situation. Please continue to take care and to stay safe.

Yours faithfully,



Mr K. Uppal
Principal