



TOTTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Excellence Through Partnership



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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you further, following Boris Johnson's speech on Monday evening.

The original plan was for all children to return to school on or before 18th January. This has now been put back in view of the COVID rate of infection and the enhanced tier system.

Children are to be educated remotely over the coming weeks. In addition, the mass testing programme that we were preparing for has been put on hold. Therefore, in case you are wondering, the mass testing plan with dates for testing of students is no longer taking place at the moment.

I can only apologise for the ever changing information. We hear about initiatives at exactly the same time as you: we plan for them and then, invariably, they alter. However, schools have a critical part to play in supporting efforts to reduce the impact of this virus and so we will continue to do this by responding, as reasonably and safely as we can, to the requirements placed on us.

In view of the sudden decision to revert to remote learning for students, we are developing our online offer. As you know, in the Summer term we moved from purely resource based work (Show my Homework tasks) to a mix of Show my Homework and Loom recorded lessons. Now we plan to develop this further so that, as soon as we possibly can, all students will have a blended learning approach; a combination of Loom pre recorded lessons and 'live' lessons, via Microsoft Teams, where the teacher is delivering live online to the class.

To do this and to achieve it quickly, we need your support. We need to have assurances from parents and from students that key safeguarding measures are in place. You will have received a text earlier with a Code of Conduct on and it is listed below again for your information. Please read it carefully and ensure that your child is also fully aware of the expectations. We do not want to be in a position to have to remove a live learning facility for all because of safeguarding issues.

In addition, for students under 12 we require additional parental consent for live lessons and this will be sent to you as soon as possible. Student help guides and training tutorials for Microsoft Teams will be available on the school website, under the 'Home Learning' section in the very near future.

Yours sincerely

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Safeguarding Students

Code of Conduct for attending lessons via Microsoft Teams

1. Students must be punctual for live lessons
2. Students must be in a quiet, distraction-free location throughout the lesson
3. Students must not have their cameras on
4. Students are not permitted to be on other social media whilst attending a live lesson
5. Students must not record or take images of the live lesson
6. Students must not unmute themselves or use the chat/messaging feature unless instructed to do so by the teacher
7. Students must have excellent behaviour at all times, contribute to the lesson in a positive manner and not be disruptive at any time. The school behaviour policy will be enforced during live lessons.
8. Students must show respect for everyone in the online classroom; anti-bullying policies apply during live lessons.

Code of Conduct - anyone who doesn't agree to these terms needs to contact rdawson@tottington.shaw-education.org.uk