

# Dormers Wells High School

## MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing with a further update from my letter of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Unfortunately, the Government have decided to close schools once again as a result of the high number of Covid cases and the fast spread of the virus. Please read the following information carefully:

### Y11 & 13 Exams

The Government have said that examinations will be conducted differently again this year. At present, we have no information about this, so please do not worry about this for now. Once we know what the process is likely to be, we will let you know.

However, now, more than ever, it is essential that you demonstrate to your teachers how much study you have completed throughout your course by participating fully in live lessons, completing all the classwork and uploading home learning tasks. This requires resilience, motivation and self-management but it is important to remember that whatever system is decided, Ofqual may require evidence from your teachers to support the awarding of grades. You must follow your normal school timetable and complete each lesson at the scheduled time on your timetable.

### Free School Meals

If your child is normally in receipt of free school meals, the school will provide you with a food package to replace the meal. The food package will equate to two weeks' worth of FSM entitlement. A member of the school team will be in contact with you in the coming days to arrange collection from the school. If the Government moves to a voucher system, we will let you know.

### Lateral Flow Testing

Please continue to give consent for the lateral flow tests by completing the form sent via My Ed (one consent form per child), as it is highly likely that we will be asked to carry out testing once students do return to school.



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It is likely that the school will remain closed to all students (apart from vulnerable students or keyworker children) for several weeks at least, up until February half term at the earliest, but I will, of course, inform you of any changes that we are made aware of.

I am truly sorry to be having to write this letter. The last thing we wanted was to have to go back to a similar situation to the previous lockdown, however, as you will understand, this situation is out of our control. I would urge you to encourage your child to keep positive, work hard and stay in touch with his or her teachers each day. We will all be here for you remotely and will strive to provide as high quality a learning experience as is possible. We will also be here to help you if your child needs any pastoral support during this time.

With my very best wishes for you and your families at this difficult time again.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Walsh  
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