

5th January 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

**Re: Year 11 School Plans for students - Tuesday 5th January 2021**

As you are aware from the Prime Minister's announcement last night the country has now entered a national lockdown and instructed people to stay at home to control the virus, protect the NHS and save lives. This means that Stopsley High School is now closed to all students, except for the children of key workers and vulnerable children.

Our thoughts last night, as we heard the news, focused on our wonderful Year 11 cohort and what the reference to "not possible or fair for all exams to go ahead this summer as normal" would translate in meaning. As I write this, we have not had any further clarification from the Education Secretary or Ofqual. We felt it was vital that our Year 11 students heard directly from us about how we all continue and shared that it is just as important that they continue with their engagement in "live" lessons and have an opportunity to voice their thoughts and feelings with their form tutors through tutor time. We have emailed a copy of this recording to all of our Year 11 students in case they did not see this during tutor time. We will continue to communicate what is happening with regards to exams, applications for college courses, apprenticeships and employment as soon as we have more details.

**Expectations for learning**

Students are expected to attend "live" lessons' where possible. Information on "live" lessons will be found on Satchel:ONE (formerly known as show my homework). Resources required for the "live" lessons will also be found on Satchel:ONE or a link will take students to their respective Google Classroom.

During the live lessons teachers will be at hand to assist with any queries students may have about the learning. Students will be expected to complete their work during their allocated times in accordance with their timetable.

If the lesson is being conducted through a google meet, these sessions will be recorded. Students should have their cameras switched off and communicate with the teacher using the chat tool and/or the hands up tool to notify the teacher of a question on the learning.

For students who are unable to attend the live lessons, they should complete their learning remotely using the resources provided in Satchel:ONE and/or google classroom.

Please click on the link for our helpful [Student Survival Guide](#) for further help and guidance.

For any **IT technical issues** please do contact the IT team via email [studentitsupport@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk](mailto:studentitsupport@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk)

### **Tutor time and aspiring to be a 'top class' student:**

Your child will need to access their tutor group google classroom by 8.40am each morning. The first part of the day is Tutor time and this is an opportunity for your child's Form Tutor to check in and resolve any queries students may have. Whilst in lockdown students should aspire to achieving top class status; achievements points will continue to be rewarded for attendance to "live lessons", effort and conduct. Your child's Pastoral Leader will be monitoring attendance via their sign in to these sessions so please notify us if there are occasions preventing your child from doing so. The school will notify parents/carers if their child has not joined the tutor session.

### **Key worker and vulnerable children care**

We will wherever possible continue to accommodate both key worker and vulnerable child care. This will be accessible for students that have both parents who are key workers and in the circumstance that both parents cannot work from home. This will also be available to children from single parent families who are key workers and cannot work from home. Please populate the [Key worker and vulnerable child care survey](#): should you wish to register your interest in accessing the care; a colleague will be in touch in due course to inform you if your child has secured placement.

### **Free School meals**

Free School meal vouchers will be issued shortly using HUGGG. This will be paid at a weekly rate of £15 for each child you have at Stopsley High School who is usually entitled to free school meals.

If you have not confirmed your email address with us already please contact us at [fsm@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk](mailto:fsm@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk). If you received your winter break free school meal vouchers you do not need to reconfirm your email address with us as we already hold your information.

Should you feel that you may now be entitled to free school meals please apply via Luton Borough Councils website - [https://m.luton.gov.uk/Page/Show/Education\\_and\\_learning/Pages/Free-school-meals.aspx](https://m.luton.gov.uk/Page/Show/Education_and_learning/Pages/Free-school-meals.aspx)

Please remember to follow our school twitter account @StopsleyHighSchool, which will keep you up to date with important school updates. It will also showcase all things 'Stopsley' through shout outs, student work and our new 'Wellbeing Wednesday' activities for you and your child to complete during lockdown!

We will continue to update you as we receive further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Hand', written on a light blue grid background.

Karen Hand  
**Interim Headteacher**