

Dear Families,

I had hoped to be welcoming some students back to school next week; but as you all know this will now not be the case. Can I thank you all for your support in encouraging your children straight on to online learning. I know it is a real challenge for so many of you, juggling work, several children learning and the usual jobs we have to do! Everyone is doing brilliantly, and remote learning is off to a flying start.

I realise some families are still waiting for some equipment. We are doing everything we can to get laptops to you as quickly as possible. Just so you understand the scale of what we are doing, we are aiming to provide a laptop for every child who needs one, even if that is two or three in the same household. We have been working on this really since April. We received around 200 devices from the government but we have purchased over 300 more ourselves; alongside over 60 dongles. As you will understand, we are having to source laptops at the very best price we can, and stocks are, unsurprisingly, very low.

We have been made aware that you can use Xboxes and PlayStations to stream lessons. Although to do this effectively you would need a keyboard and headphones. There is also a way to request additional free mobile data from some providers. Please follow these links for more details on both:

<https://www.shuttleworthcollege.org/wp-content/uploads/Games-consoles-for-remote-learning.pdf>

<https://www.shuttleworthcollege.org/wp-content/uploads/Increased-mobile-data-guide.pdf>

I think it would be helpful to bullet point the key things that affect us all at this time:

1. School is only open to children of critical workers and vulnerable children until after February half term, at the earliest.
2. Examinations have been cancelled for Years 11 and 13. This includes exams which were due to take place next week and in February.
3. Year 11 will be graded on teacher assessed grades; we do not have any details on this yet. It is vital year 11 keep working as hard as possible. The work they are doing will undoubtedly contribute to their final grades.
4. The vast majority of our staff are working and teaching from home. Please do not come to the school site other than by prior arrangement.
5. We are running our timetable as normal but online. Lessons are finishing 15 minutes earlier to allow everyone breaks from the screens between sessions. If your child does not attend you will be contacted by their pastoral leader. Please remember that when

we phone you from our homes it will show as a withheld or unknown number, please answer!

As in previous lockdown I will be in touch regularly with updates. Your child's pastoral leader remains your best first point of contact for any queries. You can get any of them via the covid19@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk email.

Any issues with passwords etc. please email ictsupport@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk
Please include your child's name and date of birth when contacting ICT support.

We will be providing vouchers for families in receipt of free school meals. Where possible we will email them to you, otherwise they will be dropped off as normal.

Any issues at all, just get in touch. The phone is being answered as usual or the covid19 email goes to all pastoral and senior staff.

Please do all you can to stay well and stay safe. Infection rates locally remain high, so do take care. We are here if we can support you in any way, we are happy to help!

Kind Regards,



Mrs R England
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