

5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Government announcement on the 4<sup>th</sup> January, all schools in England have been asked to close as part of a national lockdown in response to a surge in COVID-19 and a new variant in the virus.

This will mean that the vast majority of pupils need to remain at home until further notice.

We are providing online learning for all students through Microsoft Teams. Students will follow their normal timetable and be taught through their class team online. Should you have a problem with accessing this please contact:

KS3: Mrs Jane Watson - [jwatson@ketteringscienceacademy.org](mailto:jwatson@ketteringscienceacademy.org)

KS4: Mr Stephen Reid - [sreid@ketteringscienceacademy.org](mailto:sreid@ketteringscienceacademy.org)

KS5: Miss Rachael Davies - [rdavies@ketteringscienceacademy.org](mailto:rdavies@ketteringscienceacademy.org)

It is vital that all students attend these lessons, registers will be taken by the subject teacher at the beginning of every lesson.

Currently our school will remain open for vulnerable children and the children of key workers. The criteria used to identify vulnerable children and key workers can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

We will continue to offer free school meals for eligible children during this period and you will be contacted by email in due course.

At the moment, there is no clear date for when primary and secondary schools will be able to re-open to students, but we will update you as soon as this information becomes available.

In relation to GCSE and A-Level examinations we will share more information with you as it becomes available. However, it is clear that whatever the situation there will be some sort of assessment this academic year. It is therefore essential that Year 11 and Year 13 students are fully engaged with their remote learning.

We would like to confirm that the planned January BTEC examinations are taking place and all students will be contacted to discuss arrangements if this applies to them.



We know this latest announcement will cause disruption for many families and we would like to thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we follow Government guidance.

As a school we had planned over the Christmas break to ensure the school is as safe as possible for pupils and staff to return.

Your support got the school through 2020 and will see us through the challenges of this next period.

While the school is closed we encourage you to keep monitoring the Government's advice – the information can be found on the Government website: <https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus>.

We will continue to keep you updated via our website and will inform you by text to check it for further communication.

If you have any immediate questions please contact the school via email:

[enquiries@ketteringscienceacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@ketteringscienceacademy.org)

Thank you as always for your continued support and understanding through these difficult times.

Yours faithfully



Tony Segalini  
Principal

