

Thursday 31/12/2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

First of all I hope my letter finds you and your family well, if not email/ telephone myself or a colleague in school and we may be able to help and support you. Secondly, can I thank you for all your patience and support, the staff and I communicate with and see many of you and we are so grateful for your positive comments and the swell of support we have received.

I have waited what seems like an age to write to you, and, at the time of writing (5pm 30/12/20) the situation is;

From 5th January at 8.40 school will be open to the children of key workers and those classed as vulnerable. It is highly likely that if your child is in one of these groups that he/she will have been invited into school during the previous lockdown/ bubble closures. Please contact Mrs Pickles if you want your child to attend. If you consider your child to be in one of these categories and they have not been into key worker/ vulnerable children's school before contact Sharon Pickles at s.pickles@todhigh.co.uk.

From 11th January year 11 will return to school at 8.40. The mock examinations will be postponed, until the week beginning 25th January. Year 11 will learn remotely from January 5th and you will get all the information you need via our website and Class Charts. You will receive details about the school's Covid testing scheme next week, no child will be tested without parental consent.

From 18th January, all year groups will be back in school. We realise how inconvenient this is for parents, please do let us know if we can support.

All students will be learning remotely as of 5th January. You will get more details on the website and Class Charts next week, do let us know if we can support you with this, especially if you do not have the internet/broadband/ a computer for your child. You will receive details of the school's Covid testing scheme- it is likely your child will be invited in for a test in the week beginning 11th January- we are sorting this out next week. No child will be tested without parental consent.

The year 10 Music BTEC examination will go ahead- you will receive details as soon as possible next week.

If you have any queries re: transport, contact c.connolly@todhigh.co.uk.

We will arrange for e-vouchers for free school meals to reach you, if it is the case that the school are requested to initiate this. Over the Christmas holiday this was facilitated centrally and included individually with benefits payments.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding in this ever- changing situation, we are here to support your child and you, don't hesitate to let us know how we can help. There is a dedicated Covid hotline set up from January 4th, all the details you need will be on the website.

Yours Sincerely,



Gill Shirt
Headteacher

