



BOWER PARK ACADEMY

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Dear Parent or Carer

As announced by the Government yesterday evening, we are in a national lockdown until February half-term at the earliest. As a parent of two children in secondary school I know how unsettling this is for your child(ren) and families. As we get more information, we will share it with you.

The school continues to be open for vulnerable students and children of key workers undertaking their lessons via Teams. All other students should follow their normal timetable and log in for 'live' lessons on Teams from home. Attendance to lessons will be monitored, as teachers will register students as they would in school. The expectation is that your child attends all of their lessons. If you are having any technical issues, please contact the school at office@bowerpark.co.uk.

As we are in lockdown there will be increased demand in the home regarding computer and internet access. If your child has any issues with either of these, please let us know as we may be able to assist in some way.

With regard to COVID testing for students (as detailed in my letter yesterday), this is on hold at the moment for most students and is expected to resume before the full return of students to school. I would like to thank those parents who have volunteered to help with the mass testing and we will be contacting to you once we are ready to commence.

For parents of students in Year 11 we are still awaiting guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) regarding examinations this Summer. However, I would ask parents to be mindful of reading too much into any speculation about this in the press and on social media and wait for information from the school. I would urge all Year 11 students to continue working hard as I am assuming that assessment processes for grades will be based on a combination of school-based assessments, teacher assessment and also external exams (as this was not ruled out fully in the announcement yesterday). Please be assured we want the best for your child and will work closely with you.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during these challenging months. Stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

S Deen
Principal