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Update following announcement of national lockdown

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well. Following last night's announcement of the national lockdown I would like to make sure that you are aware of what the announcement means for schools.

Immediate period until February half term

All schools will be closed, other than for vulnerable students and children of critical workers until at least February half term. The arrangements we already have in place for remote learning will continue during this period as detailed in my previous letters.

Free School Meals

We will continue to provide support for families entitled to free school meals. We do not yet know if the Government will reintroduce the national Edenred voucher scheme so in the meantime we will continue with our own Aldi voucher scheme.

Summer Examinations

Examinations for Year 11 and Year 13 students will not go ahead as currently planned in the summer. We do not yet know what that means exactly; there may still be some form of assessment either in the summer or before then. We have already contacted Year 11 and Year 13 parents and students about this.

January Examinations

The small number of Vocational and Functional Skills examinations are still due to go ahead this month. Again we have already contacted these students and parents to confirm this.

As with previous announcements, I'm expecting that we will receive further clarification about different aspects over the coming days so I will write again when I have any further information.

Regards

Mr Watson
Headteacher

