

The De Montfort School

UNLOCKING YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the announcement from the government yesterday evening, we will be open for children of critical workers and those students deemed vulnerable under the government guidelines from today, Tuesday 5 January. This means that unfortunately we will not be able to welcome our Year 11 and Year 13 students back into school next week as planned nor will we be able to open for all year groups from Monday 18 January. Although we have had no official confirmation at this stage, it does appear that this decision will be reviewed by the government at February half term.

We will of course be providing remote education to all year groups every day through Google Classroom. If access to a computer is going to be difficult for your son/daughter then please let us know via office@tdms.worcs.sch.uk and we will do all we can to support. Similarly, if your son/daughter is unable to access work on Google Classroom please let us know via technician@tdms.worcs.sch.uk and we will arrange support for you.

We will make sure that the lockdown does not alter the planned curriculum. Our staff will prepare resources for remote learning which match what would have been taught in lessons and so students should not miss any new content. The resources will be available on the classroom on the day the lesson was due to take place on their current timetable. Over the next few days staff will be developing voiceover presentations for all lessons to direct and guide students with the tasks that they need to complete and which will enable them to pause or watch the content again.

Children of Critical Workers/Vulnerable Students

We remain open to the children of critical workers and for vulnerable students from Tuesday 5 January. These groups are already in place, following the government's previous announcement which closed the school to all students in Years 7-10 and Year 12 for the first two weeks of term. If you have not already requested a place, particularly parents of students in Year 6 and would like to request one for your son/daughter then please complete the on-line form by following the links below:

Year 6: <https://forms.gle/oLo3M7yAkAP8fKCCa>

Years 7 to 13: <https://forms.gle/sFGgEktyP8Ah9xnK6>

Year 11 and 13

In addition to the lockdown, the government announced that they would make alternative arrangements to the summer examination season for GCSEs and A levels. At the moment we have no further information on this. However, as you will know from previous correspondence, this is something that we have planned for to ensure that your son/daughter is not disadvantaged by any of the possible amendments. I will keep you informed as soon as I know more details.

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BTEC Examinations

We are aware that there are BTEC external examinations scheduled for this week which at the time of writing are still to go ahead based on the guidance from the Department for Education. We will ensure we have all the safety measures in place, such as handwashing on arrival and exit from the school site, hand sanitising regularly and the wearing of face masks when on the school site and whilst your son/daughter takes their examination. We have some examinations that require additional time in school for preparation. We are currently finalising the plans for these sessions and will be contacting the students directly to inform them of the arrangements. Please do contact us at office@tdms.worcs.sch.uk if you have any questions in relation to these examinations. Should the advice change we will be in contact as soon as possible.

Despite some disruption last term, we were always able to stay open to the majority of our students. It is, therefore, disappointing that we are unable to welcome our students back after the Christmas break. I was impressed every day with their focus and determination to follow the strict guidelines that we put in place and I look forward to seeing them all back with us again very soon. In the meantime, I will be in regular contact with all parents/carers with updates.

Thank you again for your unwavering support; it is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Weston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stuart Weston
Associate Headteacher