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Dear PCS Families,

The past few days have been changeable, but the lockdown announced on Monday evening has brought some clarity around arrangements for school for the weeks up to February half term. We appreciate that the frequent changes announced by the government have caused anxiety for both students and parents. We are thinking of you and throughout our period of remote learning, our staff will be using Google classroom to check in with students and we will update you as we receive more information.

We now know that public examinations for Year 11 scheduled for the summer will not take place in their usual form. We await further details from the government as to how students are going to be fairly assessed and receive the grades that they deserve. Once we are clear on these new arrangements we will write to year 11 parents, carers and students explaining what this means.

It is expected by the government that all students classed as vulnerable will attend school as normal. The government guidance also states that children with at least one parent or carer who is [listed as a critical worker](#) are eligible for a school place. This week we have welcomed our vulnerable and critical worker students into PCS from those parents and carers who have requested places. If you are a critical worker and would like to request a place for your child, then please contact us using the pcs-enquiries@swale.at email address. We are carefully planning rotas of staff to accommodate the numbers of students attending, as we are limiting the number of people on the school site.

For the majority of students the next few weeks will be spent at home engaged in remote learning. We intend to start introducing live teaching for students and this will commence with Year 11 from next Monday to complement recorded lessons that are being delivered too. Further details regarding this for Year 11 will be sent out to parents on Friday along with arrangements for forthcoming mock examinations.

One of the lessons learned from our previous remote learning experience is students were most successful if they followed a daily routine being prepared to start learning at the normal school day times, which is the reason we are delivering lessons according to students' timetables. Staff will be in the classroom to converse with students, with the exceptions being if a particular member of staff is ill.

If you are finding it difficult to access remote learning please refer to our website initially for advice and guidance here http://www.phcs.org.uk/students/remote_learning/remote_learning If you do continue to experience issues, then please use the pcs-enquiries@swale.at email address to inform us.

As we progress through the national crisis please continue to inform us if your child tests positive for Covid-19 by informing our Attendance Office using the absence line on 01273 575832, we will then be able to offer help in any way we can.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Darren Warner-Swann
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