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Dear families and Scholars

National Lockdown

Following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday, I am writing to confirm that each Dixons academy will be open only for the children of critical workers, and also for other identified students whom we shall be contacting. These arrangements will continue at least until the end of our holiday in February. You can find a full list of critical workers on the .gov website, or [here](#) if you are viewing this letter online. If you have not already registered with us as a critical worker and need on-site provision, please email info@dixonsma.com.

All our other scholars will be provided with home learning. Learning is valuable in its own right and for scholars' development, not just as preparation for tests or grades. It is important for children's mental health to establish good learning habits and a regular routine during what would otherwise be a school day. As before, we will be in regular contact with scholars during this period, and this for safety reasons might appear from a withheld number, and it is important that you share any well-being concerns if they arise.

Scholars in examination years should be aware that, while grades will be awarded "differently" this year, exams themselves have not yet been cancelled and there may be some form of testing this summer. You need to take responsibility for your own studies, and be as well prepared as possible for whatever arrangements are put in place later in the year.

Remote learning will be set and can be accessed via our website: <https://www.dixonsma.com/why/remote-learning>

Scholars will also receive regular emails from their teachers to guide them through their work and also reinforce what work they should submit and how. Therefore, it is important that your child is checking their emails daily. Work can also be supplemented with revision of 100% sheet knowledge, Hegarty maths and SAM Learning.

Heads of Year will also be giving Twitter updates to families each morning to support you with supporting your child. You can follow the different Heads of Year with the Twitter accounts:

@dma_classof2023

@dixonsma_2024

@dixonsma_2025

@dixonsma_2026

@Dixonsma_2027

You can also follow my Twitter account for key updates too: @DixonsMA.

Bromcom My Child At School

The main method of communication for families, however, is Bromcom, so please ensure you have downloaded the app. Guidance can be found here: <https://www.dixonsma.com/about/my-child-at-school>

We shall continue to provide vouchers for children who are entitled to free school meals but who are not entitled to attend at this time.

This is all we know at the moment. I shall write to you again if national guidance changes, as it often does at this time.

Yours sincerely,



Laura Senior
Principal

