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# Thamesview SCHOOL

with Business and Enterprise status

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support as we respond and adjust to ongoing government instructions and changes.

As you will be aware, we have now been directed by central government to close the school, apart from for the children of key workers and vulnerable children including those with an EHCP and those who have a social worker. If an adult in your household needs to continue to carry out their professional duties as a **Critical Worker** your child can attend school from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021. This access also applies to any child classed as vulnerable (EHCP, CIC etc). If either of these apply to your family please complete the [form](#) so we can ensure all necessary provision and supervision is in place.

If your child usually receives free school meals, we will be in touch with more information about how we continue to provide this.

We have been advised that BTEC exams will be taking place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. We have also been informed that Year 13 IB exams will be going ahead.

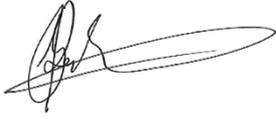
All students will be working remotely and will need to follow their normal timetable and access their lessons on Microsoft Teams. At the moment, we do not know how GCSE grades for Year 11 are going to be awarded and regardless of the approach decided on by the government, we absolutely have to continue with online lessons as usual. There is a possibility that teachers of Year 11 students may be required to use work completed during these remote lessons to form a final GCSE grade in conjunction with mock grades, classwork, homework and assessments of effort and engagement. Attendance to all lessons is therefore absolutely essential and is compulsory. Students must log-on to Microsoft Teams using their school email in order to obtain an attendance mark. As per Government guidance, please note there will be no communication regarding predicted grades.

Virtual Parents evenings will go ahead as scheduled and an on-line engagement report will be issued to all years in due course.



I am sure you can appreciate that this is an unprecedented time for us all and that we are working hard to ensure that our students continue to be supported in their education. I would like to thank you for your support and patience during this time and assure you that I will be updating you with further information as I receive it.

Yours sincerely,



Mr G. Rorke

