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Dear Parents / Carers

Following the announcement last night by the Prime Minister, which closed all schools until February 22nd, we are going to continue with our planned provision; in these challenging times it is important that we stick with our principles and non-negotiables:

- 1) Key workers' children and vulnerable students must attend school and have the same provision as all other students. Should you be unclear about whether your child is eligible to attend school, please follow the following hyperlink: Children with at least one parent or carer who is [listed as a critical worker](#) are eligible for a school place.
- 2) Every other student must have quality online learning in place for all of their lessons.

Staff have put a lot of work into online / blended learning; that hard work will not be wasted but used for live lessons from Wednesday 6th January 2021 for Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Please follow [this link](#) to find out more about how to access this teaching.

January Examinations

Public vocational exams and assessments scheduled to take place in January will go ahead as planned.

Summer Examinations 2021

At this stage it is not clear what will happen to these. OfQual are tasked with looking at possible alternatives to external examination – which may include centre assessed grades or a mixture of these and external exams. This makes it crucial that students log on and participate in their online lessons so that teaching staff can assess them. If there are issues concerning access, please contact us at school using the admin@rednockschool.org.uk email.

Free School Meal Provision

During the period of national lockdown, we will continue to provide meal options for all students who are in school. Rednock will also provide free school meals or food parcels for students who are eligible for benefits related free school meals who are not attending school. We are awaiting more information on this and will come back to you when we are informed, centrally, about this.

Mass Testing

The Covid-19 testing kits arrived on Monday. We are testing all staff; we will also test key workers' children and vulnerable students upon their entry to school tomorrow. These students MUST come in using their year group bubble entrances and wear their own face masks at all times.

Next Steps

It is a fast-changing picture; at least we have certainty for the next 6 weeks. When there are new developments – either nationally or for us as a school, I will update you with that information. I realise that you are having to react as swiftly as we are; I appreciate that this must be extremely challenging for you as parents/carers.

I can only thank you for your support; it is incredibly valuable in these times.

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