



Greenacre Academy



Chantry Community Academy



Warren Wood Primary Academy



Hilltop Primary Academy



Walderslade Girls' School

5th January 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers

Following the announcement made by the Prime Minister yesterday evening, we would like to set out in this letter the key implications for our pupils.

Due to the rapid spread of the virus, all schools are closed in England until February half term to all pupils including Year 11 and 13 apart from those vulnerable children and children of key workers. The position will be reviewed by the Government at that stage.

All pupils who will be staying at home need to work remotely, which is a situation that we are all starting to get used to. Your school will be in touch with each and every pupil regularly so that any difficulties might be ironed out including a lack of electronic devices, knowledge of Teams and any struggles with the work set. It is expected that pupils will complete all work set and attend live lessons wherever possible. Where attendance at live lessons is not possible, then it is expected that the recorded lessons will be viewed. Please be clear with members of staff about any difficulties which your children might be experiencing with remote learning as we want every pupil to succeed despite the current challenges.

Regarding secondary school pupils, although it is unlikely that GCSE and A level examinations will take place in the summer following all of the disruption, BTEC examinations will take place and therefore those pupils who are taking examinations this week and next, must still come into school to do so.

It is really important that Year 11 and Year 13 pupils in particular complete all work set to the highest possible standard because in the event of teacher predictions being used to decide grades as was the case last year, the teachers can only grade the work which is produced.

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Parents of pupils who are in receipt of free school meals will be receiving a hamper of food on a regular basis. We understand that parents have either made contact with the school or the school with parents in order that the necessary arrangements are made.

Much has been talked about regarding the setting up of mass testing sites in secondary schools. As you know both Greenacre and WGS are in the process of organising these and it is hoped that they will open early next week. More details will follow.

Finally, clearly the coming weeks are going to be difficult but provided we all follow the safety rules and agree to the use of the vaccine, we are sure there will soon be some 'light at the end of the tunnel'.

Nikki King CBE and Andy Reese CEO