

1 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

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I hope this letter finds you well. We are now into February and the second month of this national lockdown. I know it has been difficult for all concerned and am filled with hope now the vaccine programme is well underway. As you will have no doubt heard, the government said that schools will remain closed to the majority of pupils after half term, with an intention of reopening on 8 March. At present, we do not know what this will look like, as no information has been shared with schools, apart from this headline. I will of course keep you updated with any further information regarding reopening as soon as I hear about this.

Remote Learning Continued

Now we know that the lockdown will last until after half term, it remains important that your child(ren) continue to engage with the remote learning that staff are providing. Pupils are following their normal timetable of lessons and engaging with the live learning part of the lesson, before completing work set. Not all pupils are logging onto the live start of the lesson and this is a really valuable part to the learning. If your child(ren) is/are not logging on, please encourage them to do so. This is a chance for questions to be asked, feedback to be provided on previous work completed and explanations of the work required, for the day's lesson.

Year 11 Update

The government has been consulting on what work Year 11s should complete, in order to determine the final grades in the summer. The outcome of this consultation is due in the coming weeks and as soon as I hear, again I will let you and Year 11 pupils know. It is likely there will be some form of school assessment that pupils will need to complete and teachers mark, to determine the final grade. Therefore, it is really important that Year 11 pupils continue to complete work and revision on their subjects, so they are not disadvantaged upon their return and the assessments that will require completing.

Safeguarding

Your child's safety and well-being remain our priority throughout this difficult period. Our pastoral team have continued to work behind the scenes contacting families and liaising with external agencies to ensure the highest level of support at this testing time. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing and wish to contact us, please use safeguarding@asap.org.uk.

If you're worried about a child or young person and believe they are at risk of harm, even if you're unsure, call 01752 668000 or email gateway@plymouth.gov.uk or outside of normal working hours call Plymouth Out of Hours Service on 01752 346984.

The Gateway service is made up of multi-agency professionals who can give you advice, information and support. You can also contact the [NSPCC](#) if you want to talk to someone about your concerns and get advice.

Further Updates

I will continue to write to you weekly with updates.

In the meantime, stay safe.

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