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Dear Parents and Carers

Like the rest of the country, we found out that schools will be closed for all students until at least February half-term. Children of key workers and other invited students can still attend school. Unfortunately, we still have many unanswered questions but I have written some points below for you to refer to.

1. Learning will continue to be remote for all students. All students should log on to the DPR at 8:50 each morning. Please see previous letters for all other details about this.
2. If you are a key worker or your child has been invited to attend school and they have not attended yet please contact the school at info@hackneynewschoolcst.org. We are following risk assessment protocols to ensure their safety.
3. Your child will have six or seven lessons each day and they will need to submit their work at the end of each lesson to ensure that they do not fall behind and to receive feedback from their teachers. Individual subject teachers will be calling you if your child does not submit their work to offer support.
4. If your child is not well enough to attend their online lessons, please call the absence line on 020 7617 7181 before 8.30 am each day with an explanation of your child's absence, as you would do ordinarily. If we do not hear from you, we will follow up to check how your child is.
5. We still have not been given clarity around arrangements for year 11 exams. We will inform you as soon as we can. Please note Year 11 parents' evening will take place on **19th January**. More details to follow.
6. We are setting up the lateral flow testing station in school. When this is ready I will write to you with more details.

I am very disappointed that school is not open as usual but safety must be a priority. As a school, we are determined that students will receive a high quality education albeit remotely or in person and we will continue to work hard with you to achieve this. Thank you for all the messages of support I have received. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our team of dedicated staff who regularly go above and beyond to support the children. Their commitment is very inspiring at this difficult time for so many of us.

I wish your families well.

Yours sincerely



Charlotte Whelan
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