



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Yesterday, the government made the announcement that all schools would, yet again, close to all students apart from vulnerable and critical worker students. As a result of this, we will be providing remote learning to all students up to half term in February.

Since the last lockdown, we have made many changes to our online provision including the introduction of Google Classroom and the investment in Chromebooks. At the beginning of the school year, we launched a Chromebook loan scheme for those students who did not have access to technology at home. This has been extremely successful and I would like to extend this further. If your child does not have access to a laptop/computer or has to share access, you can loan a Chromebook from us for the duration of the lockdown so that your child can fully access the online provision we are putting in place. Please complete the online google form, <https://forms.gle/eAtnJDscYFgVy2G47> that is also available on our website <https://www.hylands-tkat.org/students/students-home-learning/> to let us know you are interested. The form will go live by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We are aiming to have all the requests for Chromebooks ready to be collected by the end of this week.

You may have heard that GCSEs and A-Levels have been cancelled this year. Year 11 and Year 13 students will still be assessed, though we do not yet know how. It is extremely important that all Year 11 and 13 students continue with their remote learning. We will be writing directly to these student with our expectations in the near future.

If your child is in the vulnerable pupil or critical worker priority group and you wish them to attend school, you should have already informed us. Please note that the need for social distancing, smaller group sizes and other COVID 19 mitigations means that places are restricted. If we have more students wanting places than we can safely accommodate then the Kemnal Academies Trust has advised us that we should prioritise and/or rota places. If we need to do this we will let you know. Those students attending school will be supervised to broadly follow the same curriculum as those pupils who are being taught remotely.

For those students entitled to free school meals, we will be sending out arrangements shortly. If your circumstances have changed and you feel you may now be eligible for free school meals, please visit <https://www.hylands-tkat.org/parents/hylands-cafe/> to find out how to apply.

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I absolutely share your disappointment that we have not been able to return our school to its normal happy thriving place for all students and understand the challenges that families will face during this second lockdown. Rest assured we will do all we can to provide a meaningful and supportive experience for your child through this lockdown and look forward to returning to normal as soon as we can.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Parry  
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