

15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are safe and well. As I said in my previous letter, college will be closed to all students, except those identified as vulnerable or as a child of a critical worker, until February half term at the earliest. I will keep you informed of any changes to this situation.

### **Remote Learning**

Since last week we have been delivering lessons to students remotely. This week most lessons have been live lessons over Microsoft Teams. We know there have been some technical problems and our team have been working hard to ensure that as many of these as possible are ironed out. I am grateful to you for your patience with this and would like to thank those families who have sent us their positive feedback about how the lessons are going.

### **Support for Accessing Remote Learning**

Full details of the remote learning provision were sent to you last week and are available on the college website in the remote learning section or here: <https://www.springwellcc.org/index.php/remote-learning>. This page will be kept up to date throughout the closure period. As a reminder, any technical queries should be directed by email to [go4schools@springwellcc.org](mailto:go4schools@springwellcc.org). It is also important that students continue to conduct themselves well in live lessons and I am pleased to say that a very large majority of students have done so impeccably. Any poor behaviour however, including inappropriate use of the chat facility, will be reported by the teacher and followed up. This may include the students having their chat facility barred, which will limit their opportunity to interact with their teacher. Students are asked not to record lessons on their phones and will be reminded of this each lesson. All students received an email from Mr Naylor yesterday with information about how they should be approaching their remote learning.

If you require supplies of lined or plain paper then this will be available to collect from the college reception each Thursday between 9am and 2pm. Please continue to observe social distancing whilst on the college premises.

### **Attendance**

Students are required to attend their remote learning and records of attendance are being maintained. The Government require us to contact the parents and carers of those children not engaging with remote learning to discuss how we can support them to do so. If your child/ren is unable to access lessons due to illness or medical appointments please could you inform us by emailing [enquiries@springwellcc.org](mailto:enquiries@springwellcc.org). This will allow us to authorise their absence from the remote learning sessions.

During the closure period we continue to be required to inform the Government of the number of current cases affecting students and staff. I would therefore be grateful if you would continue to inform us during the lockdown period if:

- your child/ren test(s) positive for Covid-19
- your child/ren is being tested for a suspected case of COVID-19
- your child/ren are self-isolating due to a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the household/a contact

#### **Access to devices**

To date we have been able to distribute and loan out over 100 laptops. If your child is having any difficulties accessing live lessons because they do not have access to their own device or because they do not have a suitable internet connection, we may be able to help. This includes if they require access to more mobile data for their device. Please email [go4schools@springwellcc.org](mailto:go4schools@springwellcc.org) for further details.

#### **Free School Meals**

Free Schools Meals parcels were well received last week and we have had high demand for these again this week. If you would like to order one for your eligible child/ren from next week please let us know at [enquiries@springwellcc.org](mailto:enquiries@springwellcc.org).

#### **Lateral Flow Testing for Students**

At present we are setting up our mass testing provision for asymptomatic students and hope to be in a position to test all students once college reopens. If you have not yet completed the testing consent form please [Click Here](#) to do so. Please complete one form for each Springwell child in your household.

Finally, we know that at home many students may feel down and may be missing their friends and teachers in college. Please remind them that college, although physically open to only a smaller number of students, remains fully open to all on line and through all of the channels of communication that we use in order to support one another.

I recognise that supporting your children with their remote learning on top of your usual commitments is an additional pressure for you all and I am very grateful to you for this. Like you, all of us at Springwell are very much looking forward to things beginning to return to normal.

Yours faithfully



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