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Dear Parents and Carers

National lockdown arrangements

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has announced a new national lockdown because of rising infection rates of Covid-19. As part of the lockdown, all primary schools, secondary schools and colleges in England, including our college, are to be closed from 5th January 2021 until at least the end of half term in February, except for children of key workers or vulnerable children.

The Prime Minister also announced that “not all exams” would go ahead as normal this year and I have written to Year 11 students separately to reassure them about this (<https://tinyurl.com/y27ju2lj>).

For now:

The college remains open for those students identified as vulnerable or if you are classed as a critical worker.

For all other students, college is closed until at least the end of the February half-term.

High-quality remote learning will be provided to make sure they continue to receive a consistent education. We know that this places pressure on you at a difficult time but your support in helping your child engage with remote learning as much as possible is so important and we are very grateful for it.

The remote learning arrangements in my last letter (<https://tinyurl.com/ybswuffy>) continue to apply but will now run until Friday 12th February at the earliest. Students have begun to receive invitations to their live Microsoft Teams lessons which start this week for Year 11 and from next week for all students. While it might feel overwhelming to be receiving a large number of these, students are advised to work from their calendar on Office 365 as this will allow them to see which lessons are running and when.

Further information about the new restrictions is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

We will continue to stay in touch with you on this matter, and about your child’s education. However, if you have any questions or if you require any support relating to these new arrangements, do let us know by email to enquiries@springwellcc.org or by leaving a voicemail on 01246 473873.

Yours faithfully

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