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Dear Parent

The Government has announced that from Monday 4th to Friday 8th January 2021, only secondary school **students in Year 11 will be in school as normal**. All lessons for these students will continue as normal, and all staff will be in school to teach them.

Students in Years 7, 8, 9, and 10, will not be able to come to school in the week 4th to 8th January. Instead, for Years 7-9, all of their English, Maths and Science lessons will be delivered live online through the school website using Microsoft Teams. For year 7, 8 and 9, if there is no live lesson, work for the lesson will have been sent through Show My Homework (Satchel:one). For Year 10, all of their lessons will be delivered live on Microsoft Teams.

With the exception of period 1 on Monday 4th January PSHE, which should be accessed by all students using SMHW, students should be following their normal timetable each day and so should login via the school website for all of the live lessons at the appropriate times. Registers will be taken and parents of students who do not attend will be contacted by our attendance team. For everything else, they can access the work for the lesson via the SMHW App or through our website. There are also extensive links to remote learning lessons on our website and further guidance in the school newsletter which you should have received on the last day of term.

Students have been shown how to use Microsoft Teams and there is more information and guidance available from the homepage of our website, which also contains links to our remote learning pages and links to RM Unify. If you have any issues logging onto this or require technical support in relation to usernames or passwords for the school, please contact the academy via email at itdesk@parkvaleacademy.org.uk.

Any internet ready device, including a phone, tablet, laptop or computer, will allow you to log into the school system via our website and access Microsoft Teams for live lessons. We recommend the simplest way to access these will be from links sent to students via their school email or directly from their calendar in MS Teams.

Students should also regularly check their school email for information and communication from their teachers.



School meals and vouchers

Students in Years 11 will be able to access a full catering offer in school. For students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 who are not in school and who are in receipt of free school meals, a £15 Tesco voucher will be issued on Monday or Tuesday of w/c 4th January.

Provision for children of critical workers and those with an EHCP in all year groups

As during lockdown, we will remain open to any students in Years 7, 8, 9, or 10 who fall into these categories. This provision will be in an ICT room where students will access the live lessons as they would do from home. They will also be able to purchase food in school as normal. If you wish your child to attend this provision, you are required to complete the form (see link below) no later than 4pm on Wednesday 30th December.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=svRAecJqukWVZVvTgdjPclOWvG0q0CJGkGCz5_3YmldUN1EyMzE2MDFKRzBTOFQxVjdDVTM1UVNRUy4u

As you may also have seen in the news, from January, schools are being asked to provide provision for COVID testing. We do not yet have information about this but will be providing further updates as information becomes available to us. In the meantime, we wish you and your families a merry Christmas and a much improved 2021!

Steve Bowhay
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