



Blatchington Mill School

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Dear Blatch families,

Thank you for the many messages of support and care for our school community we have received over the weekend, they are very much appreciated by us all.

We have been very pleased today to see our Year 11 students back on our school site and settling quickly and maturely into the changes to their classrooms and routines.

Update on site

We want to keep you as informed as we're able to about the steps that we have to take before we can access more of our buildings.

We are not currently able to use any rooms east of Student Services, which includes almost half the school. We are working with the local authority to ensure that we are able to access more of the school as quickly as possible but I'm afraid that this isn't a quick process.

Our priority is to bring back all students onto site as soon as possible but we don't, at this stage, have a date for this. This means that the plan shared on Friday (attached again as a PDF) will remain in place for this week.

We recognise that this will be frustrating, particularly for families with children in Year 8 and 9 who are working wholly online this week. However we have to follow the correct procedures to ensure the safety of our community.

We are making contingency plans to be able to bring Year 8 and 9 into school, on a rotation, if we are not able to have everyone on site at the start of next week.

We will continue to update you with any more information as we have it and our staff will continue to work hard to support all our students with their



learning, both those on site and those working at home.

Update on events

Year 10 Assessment week - These assessments have been rescheduled for the weeks of 29th January - 9th February.

Year 11 Mock Results assembly - This will be postponed from this coming Friday and instead will take place on 31st January. We also intend for our Family Revision workshop to continue to run as planned on 31st January, from 7 - 8 pm.

Year 9 Parent/Carer Consultation evening - This will now take place at the start of next half-term and we will confirm the date when we can.

Trips/fixtures - Where possible, i.e. where the venue is offsite, we are working to keep trips and fixtures running.

Reminders for students coming onsite

- Food - As the canteen is out of use for the time being please can all students bring a packed lunch with them. Supermarket vouchers have been issued to all families in receipt of free school meals. Please remember that we are a nut free school.

- Entrances - Students should all enter the site via the Holmes Avenue entrance or Nevill Avenue entrance, and then into the building via West Wing reception.

- Arrival times - Please can we ask that students arrive a maximum of 10 minutes before their expected arrival time, i.e. for a 9am start, students should arrive no earlier than 8.50am.

Many thanks for your ongoing patience and support of our whole school community,

Ms Claydon.

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(I use the pronouns she/her/hers)

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