



Dear Parent / Carer,

Happy New Year to you all. As you no doubt are aware the government has closed all schools during this lockdown until further notice. Students and staff have very quickly fallen back into all the routines from before, and indeed we have practised access to the Google classroom with all students back in October which has certainly helped students get set up on home learning quickly.

Communication

Our website has a link to our Covid page, which has 3 sections:

- Communications (all letters and video messages)
- Learning (access to all timetables)
- Welfare

There is a video welcome back / briefing to students [here](#).

Education

Next week we will run the same format as this week. Year 11, 12 13 live lessons. Year 7 - 10 online lessons. Lesson timetable will go live on Sunday evening.

This will change for the following week when we will introduce tutor time and some live lessons each day for all students. We will tell you the details next week.

Students can access the lessons on computers, mobile phone and also now on some games consoles would you believe - follow this link

<https://edtechawesomeness.com/2020/03/17/access-google-classroom-with-your-phone-your-xbox-or-your-playstation/>

If you have IT access issues please email the tutor or learning manager so we can support with a solution.

We are hoping to get additional free mobile device data from your provider should you require it to assist with your child working from home. This is part of the Department for Education 'Increasing Children's Data Scheme'. If you would like to apply for this please fill in the form using the link [here](#). We are still waiting for more information but collecting this now should help speed this up once they tell us what we need to do.

Any work related issues - please complete the form on the website, and a member of staff will call you or email you back. Link is [here](#).

Attendance

If your child is unwell and not able to access the lessons, please call the absence line as usual. (01752 284221)

Welfare

You should have had a call this week from the pastoral team/tutors. This will be the same next week. In addition our therapeutic services are still working with students online. If students have any worries or concerns and want to talk with a member of staff they can email talk2us@sdcc.net

Free School Meals

During the week beginning 11th January 2021 FSM vouchers will be issued to all eligible students for £15 per week via a platform called Wonde. Parents will receive a text message or email from Wonde with the details of how to redeem vouchers for a chosen supermarket.

Virtual Assemblies next week

Online assembly (link in the year group google classroom and on the website)

Year 11 Monday 11th Jan 8.40am

Year 12 & 13 Monday 11th Jan 9.00am

Year 7 - 10 Thursday 14th Jan 2.00pm

Keyworker and Vulnerable students

The booking form goes live on a Friday and closes the following Friday at 9am before the Monday week.

All students will have a Covid test each week they are onsite.

Onsite schooling starts at 8.40 am daily. Students are to wear full uniform, bring PE kit and if possible bring earphones to access the lessons.

Please remember we are still here to support, so do not hesitate to get in contact with us if you need to.

Best wishes



Anita Frier

Principal