

EBE/srg

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Dear Students in Years 7-10 and Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you managed to take a break this holiday from your studies and had time to recharge and refocus for the year ahead. We are all facing such uncertain times still and I know for many of you, this is very hard to deal with and we all look forward to greater stability soon.

Whilst one of our priorities will always be to help you achieve the very best outcomes to give you the best future chances, we have to ensure that we can keep you, our other students and staff safe from Covid. The government have decided that this week, it is more appropriate for you to remain at home rather than at school. Staff have been asked to focus on Year 11 to ensure they are prepared for their public examinations. We are also required to sort out mass testing for the whole school and we need time to do this. However, your learning is of paramount importance to us and it is crucial you are continuing to engage with your education. This week, work will be provided for you via Edulink and Google Classrooms. There will not be live lessons this week but you need to ensure you engage with the tasks set so you do not fall behind with your learning.

If you are struggling to access the work set, please contact IT support via email. Their email address is help@willingdonschool.org.uk Please use your usual school email and password to log into Google Classroom.

Remember, any other enquiries, you have the talktous@willingdonschool.org.uk email.

I aim to write to you again later this week to explain the plans for your learning in week 2 of Term 3. It is also likely you and your parents will be asked to consent to you being tested for Covid over the next couple of weeks. We are hoping we can start testing very soon so more details will follow shortly.

We have also been in contact with Stagecoach about the bus services and they have advised us that currently the services 57 & 58 are not operating. All other services are operating as normal.

Look after yourselves, stay safe and follow the guidelines whilst you are not in school to reduce the infection rates so you are able to return to school safely. Make sure you engage with the learning that your teachers are working hard to produce for you.

Best wishes,

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