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Dear Parents/carers

National Lockdown and the City of Derby Academy

On Monday night the Prime Minister announced that the whole of the country has been placed in another Lockdown. This means that your child will be accessing **remote learning** from home and not able to come to CODA for their learning. I am disappointed not to be able to offer a face-to-face education, but we must all support the Lockdown to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. The return date for students has not been decided yet, but as soon as it is agreed I will let you know.

Remote Learning

There is a section on the school website <https://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/remote-learning/> where you can find all of the information about remote learning including how to access it. If your child is unable to access remote learning for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact the school so we can support you.

A lot of our remote learning takes place on Microsoft Teams. Your child has been trained and there are support videos on the website too. Please encourage your child to access Microsoft Teams every day! There will be on-line lessons as well as other activities for your child to complete. Your child will be awarded 50 classcharts points for every live lesson they attend.

Critical Worker and Vulnerable Provision

Children who are identified as a critical worker child or vulnerable child can attend school to access an education provision. If you believe your child is eligible to attend and you would like them to attend school, please contact the school so we can discuss this with you.

Safe and Well Phone Calls

Form tutors and members of the year teams will be conducting safe and well checks every two weeks. The purpose of this call is to offer any assistance with remote learning and see if there is anything else we can do to support your child and your family. Please look out for a call from the school.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, CODA will be providing an alternative to receiving these in school. We will be in contact with all eligible families to discuss the options once plans have been finalised.

Exams for Year 11

The announcement on Monday cast a lot of uncertainty about how Year 11 examinations will operate in the Summer. At this point there is no confirmation of what the examinations will look like but I do know that exam

boards and Ofqual are looking at alternative arrangements. My advice to all Year 11 students is to remain calm and complete all of the remote learning set. There will be some form of assessments in each subject; when we know what it is, I will let you know.

Lateral Flow Testing [LFT] Update

CODA had started to set up LFT for all members of staff and all students before the Lockdown was announced. I still believe this is a powerful tool on reducing the spread of the virus through asymptomatic cases. Therefore, I will continue to set up the testing site and inform parents how their child can access this, when appropriate.

Finally, I would like to thank the whole community for its support in these testing times. Please stay safe and continue to follow the governmental advice about reducing the spread of coronavirus.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Smith
Headteacher