



**THE DEAN TRUST**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you and your families are safe and well.

Everyone is naturally disappointed by the Government's most recent announcement and, more specifically, how it affects our schools. We are desperate to provide a 'normal' education for your children as we understand how the lack of routine, structure and social interaction affects young people.

As a Trust, we will endeavour to provide the best quality remote learning for all the pupils and students that we serve. Since the first lockdown, we have become more skilled in this area and a significant majority of our pupils have become more familiar and effective with this way of working. We nevertheless understand that some pupils and families find this more challenging and so it is very important that you contact your school to seek support should you need it.

We have made provision for all pupils to access pre-recorded and live learning activities. There will be work we expect our pupils and students to complete each day. We would ask you to support and encourage them with their work and to follow the timetable set and if you require support with a device, your respective school may be able to make arrangements for a device to be loaned to you during this lockdown period. Please contact your school for further details.

A number of parents have already asked us about the summer examinations. We fully understand the anxieties that you and your child will have around the arrangements for this summer however, you will also appreciate that this is a matter which is out of our control and we await further information on this from the government. We anticipate that there will be some form of assessment to ensure that our pupils can move onto the next stage of learning, training or employment. As we receive further details, we will keep you informed as a matter of course.

We continue to provide on-site education for children of key workers and for other identified pupils. If you are unsure about whether your child is able to access education onsite then please contact school.

Communication is the most important factor at this time and, through our headteachers, we will endeavour to provide you with timely and appropriate information. Notwithstanding this, should you need to contact the school then please do so and we will attempt to answer your questions as soon as possible.

I will aim to write to all parents across The Dean Trust on a weekly basis during lockdown to provide updates on how the Trust is responding to decisions made by the government.

Hopefully this will be the last period of lockdown and we can then move back to life as normal as the vaccine rolls out.

Thank you once again for your incredible patience and support.

Best wishes,

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Chief Executive and Academy Principal  
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