



5th January 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

Re: Lockdown

I hope you and your families have had a restful and safe holiday and I wish you a Happy New Year.

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister yesterday evening **the school must close to all year groups for this half-term. That is until 12th February.**

Pupils will instead be able to work from home and should remotely follow a special lockdown timetable. This will be sent separately and is available on the school website: www.gladesmore.com

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is very important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn. We appreciate the challenges this poses but we need pupils to show self-discipline and do their best. Ultimately, it will be important so that our young people do not have large gaps in their learning when they resume their studies.

- parents and pupils can find work set for pupils via **Goggle Classrooms.**
- We expect pupil to continue with their learning and to complete work.

Parents can communicate with the remote learning team via the email remotelearning@gladesmore.com should there be any questions about remote learning.

GCSE and BTEC examinations

The Prime Minister announced that examinations will not go ahead this academic year in the normal format. We have not, as yet, been advised on how qualification grades will be decided and awarded. No doubt pupils and parents will be worried about this. It is likely that GCSE and BTEC grades will be awarded based on the work that pupils have completed so far, the work that is completed during this lockdown period and assessments that will take place when pupils are back in school. It is essential therefore that Year 11 pupils are fully committed and do their best. Through this we expect them to achieve success.

We are not expecting pupils to be disadvantaged by the government's decision.



Stay safe

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

Please follow the Public Health England advice and if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, we are all part of an extremely special school community at Gladesmore and I know that our resilient spirit will carry us through this unprecedented and difficult time

Sincerely,

Tony Hartney CBE