



6th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we enter another lockdown, I am sure there are challenges for each of you. Our aim at Orchard Park is to continue to provide your child with excellent learning and care. We are here to support parents and carers too.

This lockdown is perhaps different to others we have experienced, because we know that it will be for a period of 6 weeks and we have considered this carefully when planning our remote learning provision going forward. We want to make sure that pupils experience high quality lessons and receive feedback on their work from their teachers. We are also keen to support the welfare of our pupils and staff.

This letter contains important information about our provision during the lockdown. Please read it carefully and contact us if you have any questions.

Remote learning

- Year 11 will be taught using live lessons from 5th January and should follow their normal school timetable. Your child has been sent details of how they should access these lessons in an email to their school account. The year 11 team will continue to be in touch with every student to ensure they are able to access their learning. So far, we have been really pleased with the engagement from our year 11 pupils. Well done!
- Years 7-10 will follow our curriculum using the pre-recorded lessons on the school website. They will complete a Testing Understanding task every Friday and will be given weekly feedback from their teacher via GoolgeClassroom, so that they continue to make progress and are motivated to learn. Please see the attachment for further information regarding this. We will begin this evolved system of remote learning on 11th January so that our staff have enough time to set up meaningful resources for their classes. Until this date, pupils are to use the lessons currently on our school website.

Some pupils may have forgotten their log in for GoogleClassroom. We will reset every child's password on Friday evening so that on Monday they are able to log in. Further details are in the attachments.

We are keen to praise the pupils who show excellent engagement with the learning provided, we know it is not an easy position for them to be in. Each week, based on feedback from teachers, I will congratulate those who have demonstrated great effort.

Welfare

Our staff will contact each family, initially 3 times a week, partly to ascertain your child's needs regarding online learning, as some pupils may not have the right technology to enable the best remote learning. We are keen to assist with this as much as we can and are continuing to distribute laptops to those who require them. We will also let you know if we are concerned about their engagement and completion of work. More generally, we want to support our pupils with establishing a daily routine, adopting good study habits and coping with the challenges of lockdown.

Orchard Park High School, Sutton, Surrey, GU24 0JN
T: 020 8776 0220
F: 020 8777 3904
E: admin@orchardparkhigh.net
W: www.orchardparkhigh.co.uk



Orchard Park High School

A BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCESS

If your child is eligible for free school meals, we will be issuing Tesco vouchers to the value of £15 per week per child, starting from the week beginning 11th January. The voucher will be a one off £90 per child, to cover the entire lockdown period and the February half term. These will be distributed via parents' email addresses. It is therefore important that the school has your correct email address. The vouchers should be with you by Wednesday 13th January.

Please do remember that the Safeguarding Team is always available to support members of our school community (students, families and staff). Please contact the school if you would like to talk to the team.

Orchard Park has been randomly selected - along with 7 other secondary schools in Croydon - to be part of an exciting new project called Social Work in Schools (SWiS). SWiS is a pilot funded by the Department for Education. The objective is to increase ease of access to social work support for children, their families and professionals by having a Social Worker based in the school. It is hoped that by making Social Workers more visible, accessible and approachable, that we will be able to get the right type of support to young people and their families earlier and therefore prevent issues from escalating. Information about our school Social Worker is attached.

Each Friday we will have fun activities for students to take part in across our Greenshaw Learning Trust schools. Fun Friday tasks will be posted onto Google classrooms and social media each week, and students can email their accomplishments to funfriday@orchardparkhigh.net. Please keep an eye out for these posts and let's make Orchard Park a real contender for Fun Friday. If you have any questions, please email Mrs Ruby cruby@orchardparkhigh.net

Children of key workers who are unable to remain at home are still able to attend school as per my previous letter. If you need to register your child for this provision, please email Mr Mathys on CMathys@orchardparkhigh.net

Students who were due to sit exams this year will be particularly concerned about the impact of the lockdown on their qualifications. I will be writing separately to all Year 11 pupils and their families today.

Finally, it is my intention to hold virtual welcome sessions in the coming weeks so that, although online, we can begin to get to know each other. Details will be communicated to you shortly.

I know that many of you, and your children, will be saddened by the national lockdown but I remain optimistic that there is light ahead for us. I am already immensely grateful and proud of the resilience, commitment and warmth of our school community.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Carly Moran
Headteacher

Orchard Way, Shirley, Croydon CR0 7NJ

T: 020 8776 0220

F: 020 8777 3904

E: admin@orchardparkhigh.net

W: www.orchardparkhigh.co.uk