



Alderman Peel High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. Given the government announcement last night I wanted to provide you with up to date information regarding the current situation and the support we have in place for your children.

Online work will continue through ClassCharts as per the email and information shared with you on Monday 4th January 2021. Work is being set by teachers for each lesson so students can follow their normal school timetable at home or access the work at different times. Staff will direct you to different online resources and platforms to ensure you have access to the most appropriate work and some will also send you lessons which have been recorded in school. If you have any issues accessing this work it is essential you let us know by contacting the subject teacher or by using this email address: office@aldermanpeel.norfolk.sch.uk.

Free School Meal Vouchers will be emailed to parents via email, as previously, from "Edenred". Please redeem these vouchers as soon as you can to prevent delays in accessing the vouchers themselves.

I am aware that many families are facing employment changes and I strongly advise any parents and carers who think they may be eligible, or don't know if they are eligible for **Free School Meal Vouchers** to apply using the email address below. The process is simple and confidential. For every eligible child we also receive additional funding to support learning so please apply.

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/Synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>.

We have already distributed a number of **laptops** to students to ensure they can access work from home. If you need one please contact Mr Tawana directly: btawana8nrg@nsix.org.uk. He will organise the reconfiguration of laptops and organise a time for you to collect it from the school reception.

Over the course of the lockdown **tutors will again be contacting you** to ensure students are accessing work and provide support as required. We intend to do this through the online Parents Evening system, recently piloted with two year groups in the week beginning 18th January and 8th February 2021. Please look out for the email in the week preceding this so you can book a convenient meeting time.

We remain open for children considered vulnerable and whose parents are critical workers. The Lynx 414 bus service will continue as normal (without the relief bus) and Sanders buses will operate as necessary. This means **if your child needs to catch Bus Services 1,2,3,4 or 5 you MUST let the school office (office@aldermanpeel.norfolk.sch.uk) know a week in advance**. Sanders will organise their bus routes to ensure all children can get to school.

We have been informed that at present **year 10 and year 11 exams** scheduled for this week and next week will go ahead as normal. Students must attend school in uniform. We have a very small number of students in school so distancing will easily be maintained at all times. All COVID regulations at school will continue. If your child is unable to attend because they are isolating, awaiting a COVID test result or have tested positive please contact Mr Hardman as soon as possible: mhardman7hr5@nsix.org.uk. Mr Hardman will send more details to all the students involved. See below:

Friday 8th January	am	Travel & Tourism	26 x Y11s	1h 15mins
Monday 11th January	am	Sports Studies	26 x Y11s	1 hour
	pm	iMedia	9 x Y11s, 16 x Y10s	1h 15mins
Monday 1st February	pm	Enterprise	17 x Y11s	2 hours

The Prime Minister announced that not all **Year 11 GCSE exams** will take place in the normal way this summer. In the coming weeks we will get details of which exams may still go ahead and what will replace any exams that do not go ahead. However, it seems reasonable to expect that schools may have to submit centre-assessed grades based on a similar system to 2020. This involved your teachers assessing your performance using a mix of your class work, homework, coursework and other evidence. Teachers will take into account the work you have completed so far, **and the work you complete from now on**. It is therefore important at this stage, that you continue working to ensure teachers have the appropriate amount of evidence on which to base their judgements as these will face external scrutiny.

If you are in need of family support of any kind please see the Hub Newsletters you have been emailed with regularly. I have attached the latest one for you again as it contains a wide range of useful contacts.

If your child tests positive for COVID please follow all the government guidelines and let school know using the address. office@aldermanpeel.norfolk.sch.uk. This will allow us to keep track of any infections and advise other families as appropriate.

Finally I would like to thank you for all of your support over recent weeks and months. The current situation is no doubt a challenge for all of us but I also know there is nothing that cannot be resolved and improved by us working together.

Yours sincerely

Alastair Ogle
Principal