



RUTLISH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Partial opening on 4th January 2021

I hope you have had a good Christmas break. I am writing following the announcement by the Secretary of State for Education yesterday afternoon to notify you that Merton is listed as one of the Local Authorities which needs to implement the Contingency Framework. This means that schools will not be fully open next week.

Rutlish will be open only for vulnerable students, students with an EHCP and the children of critical workers; all other students (Years 7-13) will be taught remotely. If your son is in one of these categories, please complete the [online form](#) to inform us if you would like him to attend school. He will need to arrive at 8.30am in full school uniform with his school bag, equipment, lunch and water bottle. Food will be available from the canteen at lunchtime.

The Government has suggested that we prioritise remote learning for exam groups in the first week of term, however, as we already have this set up and students have already experienced this, remote learning for all students will begin next week.

- **Year 11 and Year 13: Remote learning will begin at 8.30am on Monday 4th January**
- **Year 7-12: Remote learning will begin at 8.30am on Tuesday 5th January**

I expect all students to log on to MS Teams and follow their usual timetable; Tutors will register their groups at 8.30am each day. Your son should then go to his calendar to access each lesson. If a member of staff is absent or unwell, work will be posted on Fronter.

Year 11 catch up exams will be postponed and rescheduled at a later date.

Year 12 and Year 13 BTEC exams will go ahead as planned at Rutlish and Ricards Lodge; all students should attend the exams as per the schedule published last term.

I have also sent you a letter about Mass Testing which I am in the process of organising. Please complete the consent form if you would like your child to complete the self-administered Lateral Flow test. Testing dates and times will be sent out in due course.

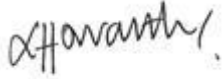
If you need to contact a member of staff, please do so by email to administration@rutlish.merton.sch.uk. If it is a safeguarding matter, please email safeguarding@rutlish.merton.sch.uk



Prior to the announcement by the Secretary of State I had a meeting with the Full Governing Body of the School to discuss the school's strategy to this ever-changing situation and I will write to you again towards the end of next week with an update.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Ms L Howarth
Headteacher

