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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you with a short update following the various government announcements for schools.

As you will be aware we have been asked to educate all students remotely until February half term, except for students who are vulnerable or whose parents are critical workers. We know that there are a few students without access to a laptop and these will be distributed by the end of this week. Thank you for supporting your son with his remote learning, a copy of the Parent Guide can be found on our website [Rutlish School - Home Learning](#). Where possible, please can you ensure that their camera can be turned on and the microphone works. This will assist teachers to deliver a more interactive lesson.

Should your son be unwell for any reason and unable to attend his remote learning please contact Attendance in the usual way, on 020 8542 3134 or [email](#).

Due to the partial closures of schools, mass testing for all students will be postponed until they are due to return. I would like to thank those of you who contacted us to volunteer to help.

If your son exhibits any Covid19 symptoms, please arrange for him to be tested locally, in Merton or with a home testing kit. These can be booked online at [Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

Whilst we are still waiting for published guidance I wanted to let you know that A Levels, GCSEs and BTEC qualifications will be assessed differently in England this summer. We have been advised that teachers have been asked to give assessed grades. I will write to parents and students once details have been confirmed by Ofqual and the exam boards.

Myself and Mrs Jerrard (Ricards Lodge Headteacher) made the difficult decision this morning to cancel RR6 January BTEC exams and assessments in light of the government announcement last night and with consideration for the health of our students.

All Year 11, 12 and 13 students will continue to be taught their full curriculum and complete lessons and assessment that are set. Students should be aware that these may be required to form part of the evidence for grades.

Year 11 students are reminded that the RR6 application deadline is 15th January, information can be found at [Rutlish School - RR6 Admissions](#). We also ask all Year 13 students to complete their UCAS applications by this date.

There will be timetable changes for all Year 7 starting on Monday 18th January to incorporate their setting arrangements.



A reminder that we have Year 8 parents' evening tomorrow, Thursday 7th January and Year 11 on Thursday 21st January.

Please refer to our new website for all the information you might need including our calendar, home learning and RR6 information and letters home at [Rutlish School - Letters Home](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Howarth
Headteacher

