



4th January 2021

Dear Families

Following the announcement by our Prime Minister last night, we are writing to you with information about the current situation at UTC Plymouth.

We completely understand that you may have many questions. Some of these we will be able to answer whereas others we may not due to the fact that we are still awaiting information ourselves. As previously communicated, from tomorrow, we will be closed to all students except those children who have parents or carers that are critical workers and our vulnerable students. All of these families have been contacted and those plans remain in place, as agreed. School will run from 9 until 3 and a separate email has been sent to those families.

We will be launching our Virtual school for all students in Years 7 to 10 tomorrow. This work was already pre-set before the Christmas break. From Monday, students will be expected to complete 4 lessons of study per day comprising of core and vocational options. Further guidance on this will follow by Friday.

Any families in receipt of school meals will receive vouchers as before. If your child is on site, food will be provided as normal.

Students in sixth form will receive correspondence from the sixth form team separately. With regard to the situation of the cancellation of exams for Year 11, we are awaiting further information from Ofqual. We completely understand how anxious and unsettled many of you must be feeling as we are also trying to process the impact ourselves. Please rest assured that students will receive the grades they deserve and we are working on a plan to communicate with our exam groups virtually next week. As always, if you have any questions please contact us straight away.

Please also find attached a privacy notice and the consent form for Lateral Flow Testing. We are including this now, in order to be prepared for our return. We may not need this right away, however it will save time if government advice changes again.

Thank you for all your support in these trying times and we hope you are all safe and well.

Warm wishes

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