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Dear Parents/Carers

We can only imagine how you may be feeling at this current time. Please rest assured that as ever Newfield School will continue to place each and every child at the centre of what we do. We have made it through to the end of the second week and we are still going strong! The community as a whole have been supportive, helpful and patient and this means that we will succeed.

This letter will cover various aspects, so please read through it and there will definitely be something that hits a chord and is relevant.

### Testing Consent Data Collection

Please complete the testing consent form and send this back to school via email or a paper copy if your son/daughter is accessing our in-school provision. The testing consent form for all students is also accessible on the Forms section of Edulink One.



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### **Free School Meals**

If your son/daughter is entitled to Free School Meals you should have been sent vouchers to cover three weeks. You will have received the vouchers via email this morning. They can be used online and in store for Asda only. Once the National Voucher scheme reopens parents will receive the vouchers in the same way as the previous lockdown via the company Edenred. The vouchers through Edenred can be used at any supermarket and these will commence from the 25 January 2021. If you have any queries please email [freeschoolmeals@merciatrust.co.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@merciatrust.co.uk).

### **Remote Learning**

It has been fantastic to see so much work being completed and all of the live lessons that are being attended. A reminder that Show My Homework should always be your first place to check each day. This should happen before 8.55am each day, if you have a live lesson it will be in the information in Show My Homework, it will also appear in the calendar on Microsoft Teams.

We know that routine is so important at this time, to support this, from Monday we will be sending a text out to parents to let them know their child hasn't logged into Show My Homework so far that day. Make sure that your child is aware of this, they can then get themselves ready earlier in the day to complete their lessons. As always please contact your son/daughters' Head of Year or use the [enquiries@newfield.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newfield.sheffield.sch.uk) email if you have any problems logging in.

If your son/daughter has finished their exercise book, from next week we have set up a table in reception where they can pop in and pick a new one up. Printed booklets will continue to be sent home to support the taught curriculum, these will arrive by post at varying times.

### **Whole School Communication**

We are currently in the process of re-establishing our whole school communication system that we set up during the first national lockdown. This will ensure all students have a member of staff assigned to them who will make regular contact. These calls will check well-being, remote learning and any issues that our students may have. Communication is key during this period and we will write to parents on a weekly basis as well as continuing with our regular communication through social media and Edulink notifications.

### **Parental Feedback**

If you have any questions or queries about the work for remote learning that has been set or any other aspect of your child's education please contact us at [enquiries@newfield.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@newfield.sheffield.sch.uk) or pupils can email their teachers directly. We take great pride in working with our families and this is a cornerstone of all we do.

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Please also let us know if we are doing a good job. We have received numerous emails expressing thanks and gratitude for what we are doing. These are all being kept and will be shared amongst us all to remind us why we do it. A few of these positive messages can be seen below;

*"Just a MASSIVE Thank you. Xxxxx*

*We have no doubt you were all shattered at the end of last term, the holidays didn't turn out to be an opportunity to switch off, and now term continues to be incredibly hard too.*

*Thank you! We appreciate it ALL."*

*"I just wanted to say thank you to all the staff at Newfield. I know it must feel like a million hoops to keep jumping through every day. Your hard work to support our children is appreciated and not taken for granted."*

*"Many thanks for this and for all your incredible hard work at this really difficult time."*

All the staff at Newfield School understand the seriousness of the National Lockdown and the depressing implications for our families. As a school community we are devastated that we find ourselves in this situation once more. The continued 'war time effort' in tackling this public health emergency is vital and we must all follow the health advice so we can fight this pandemic together. Let's be positive and always remember 'WE' – not you, not them, not us, but WE, together, can get through this as a united community and allow us all to get back to normal as soon as possible.

It has been a pleasure to write to you and as always, stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives. We will update you of any developments and ensure communication is regular.

Yours faithfully



Mr C Jenkinson  
Co-Headteacher



Mr Dawson  
Co-Headteacher