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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to you to address some issues in response to the government's announcement of a further national lockdown. As I am sure you are aware this announcement came late yesterday, but we are keen to address any concerns you may have and ensure that we are providing the very best provision that we can for all students.

Remote Learning:

We will be using Synergy as a central point for sharing most of our remote learning and we would expect all pupils to be logging in to Synergy during normal school hours each day. We will be implementing a system to make sure that parents/carers are notified if their child has not accessed the learning provided and we will offer any support that we can to overcome any barriers to accessing remote learning. If you have issues with access to devices, please get in touch with us via phone or email as soon as possible.

All pupils will be able to access online learning using the pupil portal on Synergy (Pupils can log in to Synergy using the same username and password that they use to log in to a school computer. Teachers will be providing remote learning through CLASSWORK on Synergy. We will be taking a blended approach so that some tasks can be completed electronically or online and some tasks can be completed on paper or in exercise books.

Accessing CLASSWORK:

We have produced a pupil guide for remote learning. This can be accessed at any time from the bulletin on your child's Synergy homepage. This guide explains how to access lessons, how to contact teachers, how to submit work on Synergy and how to use the school email system for sending emails and to access Microsoft Office (Word, Powerpoint etc) from any device.





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Communication and support:

Teachers have been asked to 'enable discussion' on CLASSWORK lessons. This will allow your child to ask a question about any of the work that has been set and to get help from their teacher. Please encourage your child to use this facility so that they can get any support that they need from their teacher. Your child's teachers will provide opportunities for your child to submit work electronically. This may be through online quizzes or by submitting work on Synergy. Teachers will use this to check understanding and provide feedback as appropriate.

One of our priorities this week will be to make sure that all pupils are able to access remote learning, distributing IT equipment where it is required. From next week, we will be looking to further enhance our online provision through the use of some live lessons as part of our blended learning approach. This will initially be provided for year groups Eleven and Thirteen. Information regarding this will be sent out later this week.

Examination groups: Year 11 and Year 13:

It is important that all students keep studying the course content. The government is working with the examination boards to establish some form of testing/ assessment. We do not have any details at the moment about this, but it is vital that students keep working on their courses as this could form part of any assessment/ examinations that the government announce.

Vocational Examinations:

It has been announced that external examinations timetabled for January and February will take place. Please ensure that students are revising for these examinations. We will be offering revision sessions for these examinations and we will send a Synergy message and post these on our website.





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Safeguarding / Wellbeing:

If you have any concerns about your child's health or wellbeing that you would like support with, please be assured that we are still here to support you. You can call school directly and this will be passed to a member of the pastoral team who will call you back. You can contact your child's Head of Year directly, through the contact on the website or email the safeguarding team directly: Safeguarding@morecambebayacademy.co.uk

Year Eleven Parents' Evening:

Year Eleven Parents' Evening will run as planned. However, please can you ensure that the appointment time is focused upon your child's progress and what they can do to improve before any possible assessment/ examinations. Staff will be unable to answer questions on what the arrangements will be for assessment or testing in the summer as we do not have details as yet. As soon as we know what the government intends for assessment this summer we will set up a further online event to enable parents to ask questions and also to ensure that you are all kept fully up to date.

Free School Meals:

If you are in receipt of free school meals we will be continuing to make provision.

We recognise that the circumstances for every child will be different when they are learning at home. If there is anything that you need support with, please do get in touch with your child's Year Leader or contact school using reception@morecambebayacademy.co.uk or by phone.

We hope that you and your family all remain safe and well during this time,

Thank you for your support,
Kind Regards,

Mrs H McClurg and Mr J Cowper
Acting Co-Principals

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