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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. It has been a strange Christmas break for us all and I hope that you have had opportunity to re-energise for a busy year ahead. I apologise for contacting you on New Year's Eve, however I hope you understand the importance of a timely communication about our plans for the new term.

As you will be aware, Minister Weir has made a new announcement this morning which will affect how schools will provide education in January. I received written notification on these plans from the Department of Education only this evening at 6.20pm. The Minister notes the following:

- Year 8 – 11 are to remain at home and be taught remotely until Friday 29th January.
- Years 12 – 14 can return to school from Monday 11th January for face-to-face learning.
- The new school term will now commence on Tuesday 5th January (to facilitate teachers planning for remote learning on Monday 4th January).
- Children of key workers and vulnerable children may attend their school from Tuesday 5th January.

What this will mean for Glengormley High School

Children of Key Workers and Vulnerable Children

The children of key workers and vulnerable children can attend school. A child of a key worker is a child for whom both parents (or a parent in a single parent family) is a key worker, with no other safe alternative. These pupils will be based in the 6th Form Centre (and library should numbers require it) for supervised learning. It is important to note that this is not face-to-face teaching, but rather the child being supervised in the building, doing the same activities as the children are at home. If your child meets this criteria and you intend to send them into school, please fill in the online form (the link is on this email) providing details of your key worker status and the names/form classes of your child/children who will be attending school.

The same online form should be used if your child is regarded as vulnerable (e.g. children with a Statement of Special Educational Needs, children on the child protection register, children receiving support from CAMHS, or children who are 'looked after' such as foster care).

Please respond using the online form no later than 10am on Monday 4th January. Your child/children will be required to 'sign in' at the main office at the normal registration time of 8.50am.

Years 8 – 11

Pupils in Years 8 – 11 will be taught using online materials from 5th January until the 29th January. Should parents prefer hard copy materials for their child/children to use at home, they are welcome to collect these for pupils to use at home (more details to follow). It is expected that Years 8 – 11 will return to face-to-face teaching from Monday 1st February.

*Please see the note about Year 11 examinations on the next page.



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Years 12 – 14

- Pupils in Years 12 – 14 will engage with remote learning from 5th January – 8th January and will commence face-to-face learning from Monday 11th January.
**Please see the note about Year 12 examinations below

**Year 11 Examinations*

- Mr Devine, Mrs Sharpe and Mrs Naughton's Maths classes will be undertaking GCSE Maths module on 11th January. Pupils from these classes will be given the opportunity to avail of socially distanced face-to-face revision lessons in school on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th January. Information about these revision sessions will be sent to parents separately.

***Year 12 Examinations*

- Due to Year 12 pupils undertaking GCSE modules in early January, they will engage with online learning from 5th January to 8th January. However, pupils will also be given the option to attend school for socially distanced face-to-face revision classes for English and Maths. Information about these revision sessions will be sent to parents separately.
- From the 11th January – 15th January, Year 12 will be on Study Leave for their GCSE modules taking place that week. This means that they only attend school for exams and planned revision classes.

Canteen Provision

- From Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th January the canteen will be restricted to cater only for pupils in receipt of Free School Meals.
- From Monday 11th January, the canteen will be operational for pupils of key workers, vulnerable pupils and those pupils across Years 12 – 14.

Covid-19 Symptoms

Please remember, if your child has a temperature, a persistent cough or a loss/change in taste or smell, do not send them into school.

The Minister has announced that pupils must now wear face-coverings in the classroom. We will be in touch as more information is released by the Department of Education, so please keep an eye on further emails.

Once again, this is going to be a difficult and unusual start to the new term. My staff and I are committed to ensuring that we do the best for your child and your family. We need to remain adaptable to change and yet sensitive to need. If you have any concerns, please let me know by email at info@glengormleyhigh.com or by phone on 02890837223.

Kindest regards



R Massey

Quick Guide for Parents

Year Group/s	Dates	Type of Learning	Explanation
Year 8, 9 & 10	Tuesday 5 th – Friday 29 th Jan	Online	Staff will upload work through Google Classroom.
Year 11	Tuesday 5 th – Friday 8 th Jan	Blended	Year 11 will work online, however pupils from Mr Devine, Mrs Sharpe and Mrs Naughton's maths classes will be <u>offered</u> an element of face-to-face revision in preparation for their upcoming GCSE module. These pupils will be notified in advance.
Year 11	Monday 11 th – Friday 29 th Jan	Online	Year 11 will engage only with online learning through Google Classroom.
Year 12	Tuesday 5 th – Friday 8 th Jan	Blended	Year 12 will work online & will be offered face-to-face revision classes for their upcoming GCSE modules. Pupils will be notified in advance.
Year 12	Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th Jan	Study Week	Year 12 will only attend school to sit modular exams and will revise from home for this week.
Year 12	Monday 18 th – 29 th Jan	Face-to-Face	Year 12 will attend school for face-to-face learning.
6 th Year	Tuesday 5 th Jan – Friday 8 th Jan	Online	6 th Year will engage with online learning through Google Classroom.
6 th Year	Monday 11 th – Friday 29 th Jan	Face-to-Face	6 th Year will attend school for face-to-face learning.