



OLD BUCKENHAM
HIGH SCHOOL

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18th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Further to my letter earlier today, the school will be closed for students in Years 7 to 10 who are not children of key workers or fall into the vulnerable category. The school will be contacting the parents of who we would consider vulnerable on the 4th January to explain the in-school arrangements which will start on the 5th January. If you are a key worker and would like your son/daughter to attend during the first week, can you email the school office by the 4th January. School transport will be provided at the normal times for those who use the Norfolk County Council bus service. A single bus will run from Thetford picking up at the following times:

- Bus station 07:55
- Tesco 08:05
- Gt Hockham 08:20
- Shropham 08:30
- Arrive at OBHS 08:40

The laptop lending scheme will be in operation and those parents who feel a laptop would be helpful will be able to collect one on the afternoon of the 4th January from the main reception. The school has a limited number and will distribute according to the government criteria.

Many of you will be familiar with our remote learning plans, which we will put into place starting from the 5th January. The arrangements are broadly similar, however, it is important that parents are aware of the following:

- Teachers will plan an appropriate task for each lesson on G4S using the homework facility. Students will be expected to complete the task set, although it is not a requirement for the student to complete the task at the allotted time. This is to allow for students to share a device whilst at home. Teachers will be available 'online' during the timetabled lesson if students wish to email staff in order to clarify tasks or offer feedback. However, we cannot guarantee that all contact will be made during the allotted time. Where parents have informed us that you do not have internet access at home we will be able to provide paper copies of resources which will need to be collected from the school the day prior to the timetabled lessons. I am afraid we will not be able to send out paper resources.

I am aware that the arrangements are fairly complex, if you require any further guidance please contact the relevant pastoral staff:

- Year 7 – Mr Alderson salderson@obhs.co.uk / Mrs Picksley tpicksley@obhs.co.uk
- Year 8/9 – Mr Cowan scowan@obhs.co.uk / Mrs Picksley tpicksley@obhs.co.uk
- Year 10 – Mr Taylor etaylor1@obhs.co.uk / Mrs Wabe cwabe@obhs.co.uk



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You may be aware that schools are expected to undertake covid testing after Christmas, I am afraid I do not have any further details on how this will be implemented.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Fell
Headteacher

