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8 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a week this has been! As you will know we started the week preparing for the return of students and a programme of mass testing and a few days later we are in another national lockdown with school closed to the majority of students. As you can imagine we have had a lot to get sorted in a short space of time and we are working hard to ensure that we can start online learning for all students from Monday, continue with our testing for Covid-19 for our vulnerable and key worker students and staff, and to maintain other events such as our Parents Evenings which have moved online.

Year 11 students have started online lessons this week. This is the first time our staff have delivered lessons remotely and we are on a steep learning curve. We have already learnt a huge amount from this week; there have been ups and downs, some technical issues and many staff understandably have been nervous using systems they are not used to. Thank you to students and parents in year 11 for your support; we intend to gain feedback from parents and students after the first few weeks to see how we are getting on once we are fully up and running with remote learning.

If you are not able to access Teams next week please get in touch with us at SAA@sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk. Teachers will be teaching to their normal timetables and therefore please can enquiries wherever possible be directed to this email address rather than individual staff. We sent an email this week regarding mobile data allowance. Please get in contact if this applies to you.

In line with Government guidelines, free school meal vouchers have re-started as of this week. The first weekly vouchers were emailed by Unity Schools Partnership to eligible parents yesterday. The vouchers will be for £11.50 per week (£9.60 for this as it was a shorter school week) and can only be used at Tesco stores. If you have any queries, please contact Emma Long on elong@sybilandrewsaacademy.co.uk and Sam Adshead on sadshead@sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk.

Please find attached the Parent and Student guide for Microsoft Teams which should help you to both get online and the protocols we will be using.

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These are extremely difficult times for individuals, families and the country; please know we are here to help and support the community we service. Please do get in touch with us if you need us.

Stay safe and well,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T King', written over a horizontal line.

Miss T King
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:-

- Thursday 21st January 2021 – Year 8 Parents Evening
- Thursday 4th February 2021 – Year 11 Parents Evening