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Dear Parents,

This is a letter that we hoped not to have to send and receive again. There will be much disappointment at the announcement that schools are closed until at least mid-February – but I know that our school community will rise to this new challenge.

Lessons online

It really has been excellent to see and hear that pupils have engaged so well with online lessons today. I know that teachers have been impressed by the way that lessons have started. There are bound to be a few difficulties along the way – from wifi problems to lost exercise books – but nothing that we won't be able to deal with. We will continue to encourage your children to work hard and keep optimistic!

Boarders

We are very conscious of the impact of lockdown on our boarding community. Some of our boarders are far from school (some with time zone complications) while others are far from their families in Hong Kong or Nigeria. Dr Rowe, Head of Boarding, is writing separately to boarding families. Keep in touch. We will continue as ever to do everything we can to support your sons and daughters.

GCSEs and A-levels

“Business as usual” is the message to students in the Upper Sixth and Year 11. We are continuing as planned to finish the GCSE and A-level schemes of work.

External exams may not happen as they do in a normal year, but there will be assessments – certainly internally and possibly externally. We will be in touch as soon as we know about the government's plans for the summer.

We have decided to postpone the timetabled Upper Sixth Mocks which were due to start on 18th January. (Some subjects may still decide to do online assessments then). We will wait before making a decision about the GCSE Mocks scheduled after half term.

Critical workers

Any new Critical Workers who need to send children in to school should register on the form [at this link](#), and also email Mr Hallsworth, Pastoral Deputy Head (jhallsworth@lrgs.org.uk) who will confirm and send instructions. The Dining Hall and Grab and Go are open, so please make sure that your son or daughter has money in their Wisepay account for snacks or hot meals.

Pastoral support

Staff are still here for pastoral care and learning support. Please get in touch with us to discuss concerns or if your son or daughter would benefit from additional pastoral support. This is a

stressful time for many families, but you are not on your own as we work together to support your children.

With all best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Dr C J Pyle
Headmaster