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Dear RPHS students and their families,

The announcement last night that schools would remain closed was another shock for us all as we have been consistently advised that there would be a staged return in January. However, with the rise in numbers and a new variant to contend with, we fully support the decision to only open for identified groups of students. The safety of all students, families and the staff has always been my number one priority and will continue to be so.

At the time of writing, we are expecting to remain closed this half term and all learning will now be remote; you can find our Remote Learning Strategy on our website. We believe that we are in a much stronger position than the previous lockdown back in March and we are hopeful that the vast majority of our students can access home learning with an appropriate device.

You may also have heard that some of the GCSE and A-Level examinations will not take place this summer in the 'normal way' and I have written home to reassure Year 11 and 13 families today.

I know that a great many of you will be disappointed that you will not be returning to school as planned and I hope you were able to join your Head of Year and Form Tutor this morning. I want to take this opportunity to reassure you that your teachers and all the staff at RPHS will work tirelessly to make the very best of the situation we find ourselves in and will be here throughout this lockdown period should you need to contact us.

Whilst I don't have any more information at the moment, I will let you know any updates as soon as I have them and in the meantime, I know the students will work hard and engage with their online learning which starts for all next week.

We know that this is such an uncertain time but we will continue to do all we can to support our students and their families.

Best wishes,

K Heard

Mrs K Heard
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