

SJB/JRu
 5 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone managed to stay safe and that you managed to spend some quality time with your family.

Following yesterday's news announcement I just wanted to outline a few more details about our online provision for this half term.

I need to start with a reminder that unlike the last lockdown, **every** student must be engaging in all their online learning. Although the building is shut to all but students of critical workers and those that are vulnerable, our schooling will continue online.

The School Day

We will continue to follow the normal day as follows:

RFL	P1	P2	Break	P3	Lunch	P4	P5
9.00 – 9.10	9.10 – 10.00	10.10 – 11.00	11.00 – 11.35	11.35 – 12.25	12.25 – 1.05	1.05 – 1.55	2.05 – 2.55

Please note that:

- Lessons are 50 minutes long and we have built in frequent breaks.
- All lessons will be on Google Meet and Google Classroom. Students will need access to a Chromebook. If you need to borrow one of these from school, please call reception if you haven't already done so.

If your son/daughter needs any of their exercise books, please contact the school office where we can arrange to get these down to reception ready for collection.

Free School Meals

We are in the process of sorting free school meal vouchers, for those eligible, and this will be done as soon as possible.

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Safeguarding and Support

During this national lockdown there will inevitably be some people who will struggle more than others. Please contact us as soon as possible if you are struggling, either by phone or email to safeguarding@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk.

We have updated our Risk Assessment, which can now be found on our website and we will continue to update you as and when anything changes.

If you are a critical worker and you need a place in school for your daughter/son please contact Miss Beale on k.beale@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk.

Likewise, if you are a parent/carer of one of our more vulnerable students and change your mind about provision in school, then please contact Mrs Dixon-Gough on h.dixongough@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk.

Exams

Like us, you will have many questions about the examinations for Years 11 and 13. We promise to let you know as soon as we are given any information on this. It is absolutely vital that our Y11 and Y13 students continue to work online and as if this announcement had never been made. Last year, hard work paid off and because we have had no information on the method on which grades will be given this year, it makes focus and engagement absolutely vital because we are still collecting information and evidence about everyone's learning.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mr Pete Adams and the team who managed to set up our testing station in school yesterday and after testing 40+ members of staff have had to pause it, but at least you know we are ready!

I will be reverting back to our weekly updates, but for now thank you for your continued support and your patience whilst we make little changes to ensure our provision is the best it can be.

Stay safe and positive.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Brady
Headteacher