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Dear Parents / Carers

As you will all be aware, we have once again been instructed to close the school to all students apart from children of key workers and those who may be vulnerable. This is part of the national lockdown which came into force today. We expect the school to be closed until at least February half term.

All lessons will continue to be set using Google Classroom. Students have been trained to use Google Classroom so they should all know how to log in. Please see [this guide](#) on our website which explains how to use Google Classroom.

We are making some changes to the way that we deliver online lessons which we feel will be an improvement. Teachers and students will need to follow their normal timetables, logging into Google Classroom and following their lessons at the same time as these would have been happening in school. This means that teachers will be able to have 'live' contact with students during lessons. This 'live' contact could be in the following ways, for example:

- Teachers may speak to the whole class through the Google Classroom software, starting off the lesson and explaining what the day's activities will be.
- Teachers could ask students to submit a 'google form' (or questionnaire) to get feedback about a lesson topic and could then interact live with the whole class or individual students through the Google Classroom software to follow up on students' responses.
- Teachers may present pre-recorded videos for students to watch which explain new content.

The contact teachers have with students and student feedback can take place in various ways, such as via email, through video conferencing google software (which is built into Google Classroom) or through the 'chat' facility.

We will be monitoring how well students engage with their learning and teachers will be providing feedback to senior staff about this on a weekly basis. Where students are not engaging we will let you know.

The 'live' lessons may be difficult for students to follow as there could be occasions where this interferes with the routines of family life. In these situations, students will still be able to complete the work which has been set as for each lesson, teachers will deliver a presentation which gives students all of the information they need as well as the tasks which students need to complete.

We will have office staff in school every day so please get in touch with us if you have any questions or concerns. You can either telephone us or email [help@northolthigh.org.uk](mailto:help@northolthigh.org.uk).

This is a deeply worrying time for our country. I do not believe that the Government would have taken the steps to move schools to remote education unless it was absolutely necessary to support our National Health Service. Please rest assured that we will continue to do everything we can to

support your children (and you) during this time. Our weekly newsletter will provide you with updates and details of additional support.

Please keep in touch and let us know if there is anything you need.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marion Budd', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Marion Budd  
Headteacher