

# Challney High School for Girls

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the Government announcement this evening, all schools in England have been asked to close from tomorrow (Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January) as part of a national lockdown planned in response to a surge in COVID-19 and a new variant in the virus.

This will mean that the vast majority of pupils will need to remain at home until further notice is available on when schools will be able to re-open.

We will be providing online learning for all pupils while our school is closed. All pupils will start their learning remotely from today, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Mrs Mills sent an email to all parents and pupils to give advice about managing learning. In summary, pupils will follow week B timetable from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January and week A timetable from 11<sup>th</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> January. We will be in touch regarding arrangements for the timetable thereafter. A variety of materials will be uploaded, including teacher voice and video explanations and teachers will be available to answer queries in the lesson slots, through google Classroom and email.

Our school will remain open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers, as was the case during the national lockdown from March to June last year. If you haven't let the school know your daughter needs to attend school as you are a critical worker, please email the school on [admin@challneygirls.luton.sch.uk](mailto:admin@challneygirls.luton.sch.uk). You will find the list of critical workers by clicking [HERE](#).

We will continue to offer provision for free school meals for eligible children during this period while the school is closed. Parents eligible for free school meals have been emailed directly about this. To cover the weeks beginning 4<sup>th</sup> January and week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January, a hamper will be supplied for each child eligible for free school meals. If you have received this email, please reply by 11.00am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January if you want a hamper and will collect it. Hampers will be ready to be collected from school from between 1pm to 3pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. You will need to wear a face mask, observe social distancing and hand sanitise on entry to the school.

The Government confirmed yesterday that GCSE and A-level examinations will not go ahead as planned. We will share more information with you about the arrangements and how it affects our Year 11 pupils as it becomes available to us.

We know this latest announcement will cause disruption for many families and we would like to thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we follow Government guidance.

Your support is what got the school through 2020 and it is what will see us through the challenges of this next period.

While the school is closed, we encourage you to keep monitoring the Government's advice – the information can be found on the Government website: <https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus>.



We will continue to keep you updated and if you have any immediate questions please contact the school via [admin@challneygirls.luton.sch.uk](mailto:admin@challneygirls.luton.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully,

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