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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the announcement last night regarding the new lockdown I am writing to confirm what this means for DSTC students.

DSTC staff will not be providing any in school face to face learning to any year groups. The only exception to this is for vulnerable students or children of Key Workers. If you would like to discuss anything to do with vulnerable or key workers please contact Mrs Ellis (email below).

This will be a disappointment to many and be a cause for concern in relation to lost learning and progress. Please rest assured my staff are doing whatever they can to fill knowledge gaps, keep learning on track and support student progress.

All students should follow their timetable during school hours and complete tasks/engage in lessons as asked and complete any homework tasks set.

As ever, if you have any concerns regarding pastoral support for your child then continue to contact Pastoral Leaders as below:

- **Years 7&8** - Mrs Harrison - yvonne.harrison@dstc.kent.sch.uk
- **Years 9&10** - Mrs Sutton - lorna.sutton@dstc.kent.sch.uk
- **Years 11, 12&13** - Mrs Harvey - esther.harvey@dstc.kent.sch.uk
- **Designated Safeguarding Lead / Vice Principal** - Mrs Ellis - deborah.ellis@dstc.kent.sch.uk

We will be sending more personal information and letters/updates to you and students over the coming days/week but I wanted to confirm immediate arrangements.

We do expect to proceed with our Year 7 and 8 parents evenings on the 14th and 25th respectively and will be in touch shortly in relation to these.

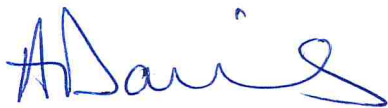
The external vocational exams will continue during January, there will be a separate letter sent out to all students due to take exams to detail when and where to arrive. The days and times of the exams remain unchanged.

Mock exams for Year 11 and 13 are again postponed.



Thank you for your continued support and patience, there has never been a year start quite like this in my living memory but we all know the situation is out of our hands and we just need to make the best of it, with the information and resources we have at that time.

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anne" and last name "Davis" clearly legible.

Anne Davis
Principal