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Principal



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Dear Parents

I am sure you are as frustrated as we are at the sudden change of policy by the British Government which now means that all Schools must close. This includes Sedbergh School and Casterton, Sedbergh Prep School, but not the Mulberry Bush Nursery.

I am very sorry that the plans you have made following my letter of 31 December 2020 need to change and recognise this will be a particular source of worry and concern to those families whose children have already travelled to Sedbergh in order to quarantine prior to the start of Term. We will work with individual families to ensure their children are well cared for and supported through remote learning in the coming weeks. Casterton, Sedbergh Prep School will continue to provide on-site education for the children of Key Workers.

In his statement yesterday evening, the Prime Minister made reference to GCSE, A Levels and other Public Exams. It seems that these will not go ahead as planned and a period of consultation will take place before new arrangements are announced. Irrespective of any Exam procedures, we are entirely committed to teaching the full syllabuses in order to ensure that pupils are entirely prepared for their A Level courses in the case of Year 11, and Higher Education in the case of the Upper Sixth. And, of course, we will ensure that pupils are fully prepared for whatever assessment takes place in the Summer.

Many of you will be familiar with the routines of Remote Learning and Mr Harrison and Mr Newman will shortly write to you with precise details of the process and timetables. As was the case earlier in the academic year, School Assemblies, Tutoring or Form Periods and Daily Challenges will take place.

We know how important communication is. For the sake of clarity, the division of responsibility will be as follows:

- **Andrew Fleck, Principal**
Matters which affect all parts of the School, including dates of re-opening, Fees and major policy change.

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- **Dan Harrison and Will Newman, Headmasters**
All matters relating to the process of education and pastoral care throughout Sedbergh School and Casterton, Sedbergh Prep School, respectively.
- **Housemasters, Housemistresses (Senior School), Form Tutors (Prep School)**
Practical matters relating to individual pupils.
- **Colin Gunning, Senior School Deputy Headmaster (Pastoral)**
Travel and Quarantine arrangements.

I hope you will excuse the brevity of this letter which is written as a matter of urgency to confirm the impact of these changes on our Schools and pupils. It is likely that the short timescale will lead to a flurry of further communications before the start of Term; we will ensure these are as succinct as possible, as we know that you will be busy making your own arrangements for the coming weeks.

We hope that you all remain safe and will look forward to staying in touch.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Fleck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Andrew Fleck