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Parent Bulletin: 25th March 2020

Message from the Headteacher	The school currently remains **closed** and we will be guided by the Department for Education and Public Health England in relation to this. We will continue to update you as government announcements are made and in the meantime please continue to access 'Microsoft Teams' for the students' work. **School Opening Times:** The school will be open from 9-11am each weekday if you would like to contact us. This will also be the period when student packs can be collected for those that require them. Outside of these hours please use the email: contactstaindrop@staindropschool.com
Pastoral Updates	Please find attached a '**Parent Factsheet'** to support you with home learning. We acknowledge this can be a difficult period and hopefully some of the ideas and suggestions will support.
Student Updates	We will be starting a student reward scheme to recognise efforts and work of students each week. These will be publicised on Facebook. If you have any fantastic work or ideas that the students have been undertaking at home that you would like to share or have acknowledged, please forward these to contactstaindrop@staindropschool.com
External Examination updates	**We have received some further guidance as to how the grades will be awarded to students in Y11.** The main points: •Regulators will develop and set out a process that will provide a calculated grade to each student which reflects their performance as fairly as possible and will work with us and the other exam boards to ensure this is consistently applied for all students. •Exam boards will be asking teachers, who know their students well, to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead. •To produce this, teachers will be asked to take into account a range of evidence and data including performance on mock exams and non-exam assessment. Clear guidance on how to do this fairly and robustly will be provided to schools and colleges soon. •Exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each student, which will be a best assessment of the work they have put in. •Regulators and exam boards will be discussing with teachers' representatives before finalising the approach, to ensure that it's as fair as possible. More information will be provided as soon as possible. •The aim is to provide these calculated grades to students before the end of July.
E-Safety	https://oursaferschools.co.uk/category/news/

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Public Health England Advice	https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance
Government Guidelines	**Coronavirus: Be responsible and keep your child at home.** The school is open to provide essential childcare for a limited number of children, those who are vulnerable and whose parents are keyworkers to the Covid-19 response. You should only send your child to school on Monday if you have to, and this is critical to the COVID-19 response. If you are able to keep your child at home, you should. Please keep children at home if at all possible. The decisions that are being made are to keep everyone safe and slow the spread of COVID-19.

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