

1st June 2020

Dear parent/carer,

I hope you and your families are well.

Before the holidays I wrote to you, to explain that students in years 7 to 9 will not be returning to school until September at the earliest. Whilst the government has continued to change its guidance over the last couple of weeks, this still remains the same. Therefore, students in these year groups will continue to follow the arrangements that we have had in place up to now.

You may have seen that we put a post out on our social media saying that 79% of our students are accessing online lessons, every single day. This is much higher than the national average described by the Sutton Trust, which found that nationally, this figure is 33% in state schools and 57% in private schools. We want to thank you for the continued support over the last few weeks because without you this wouldn't be possible.

We talk a lot about TeamTanfield at school. We want success for every single member of the team. We want no team member to be left behind. Therefore, if your child is one of the 21% of students who are not accessing lessons every single day, we will be in touch to see how we can support you further.

If there is anything you think we can do better, please let us know by using the help@tanfieldschool.co.uk email address.

Thanks to those of you who got in touch after the last letter. As a response we are going to be introducing some live lessons for year 7 and 8 students starting on Monday 8th June. These are not compulsory and students can complete the usual lesson. The time these lessons will take place will be the same time that they are on the timetable. For example, English will be p.1 (9am), Maths will be p.2 (10am) etc.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	English	History	Maths	Science	DT
Year 8	History	English	Science	Maths	DT

We will continue to keep you updated with any further developments.

Until then, I wish you and your families all the best.

Take care and stay safe, Steven