



28<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Covid-19 Update

Yesterday the Prime Minister announced that it will not be possible for schools to reopen immediately after the February half-term and instead the Government hopes it will be safe to commence the re-opening of schools and colleges from Monday 8 March. This is in response to the national public health data and pressure on NHS capacity. The Government has stated that schools, as well as students, parents and carers will be given at least two weeks notice to prepare for a return to face-to-face education.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your child with online learning and for the many messages of support we have received. Our online provision through google classrooms will continue, further details of our approach can be found on our website by following the link below:

<https://www.stclementshigh.org.uk/page/?title=Remote+Learning&pid=122>

We fully appreciate learning at home can be challenging, particularly if your child does not have access to a computer. We are fortunate to have received a bank of laptops from the County Council. **If your child has been trying to access work on a mobile phone, please contact us and we may be able to loan you a laptop.**

A number of families contacted us to ask for support in increasing their mobile data allowance, we have submitted applications with a range of network providers and I'm pleased several of these have been successful. If you would like more details about this scheme please see the Mobile Data letter on our website which can be found in the letters to parents section.

The Government's consultation on how GCSE grades will be awarded ends this week. As soon as we have information regarding the outcome we will contact you again. It is vital that all students including those in year 11 continue to work hard and access our online provision.

I know many families are already looking forward to the half term break. **The last day of the half term is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, the school will then be closed to all students and online provision suspended until we return on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

We know there are families within our community who have suffered bereavement and financial hardship during this difficult time. Our thoughts are with you; please do not hesitate to contact us on [office@stclementshigh.org.uk](mailto:office@stclementshigh.org.uk) if we can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N. K. Willingham  
Headteacher