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Dear Parents/Carers

Please read the information below carefully.

A: Return to school January 2021

Following the government's announcement, I am writing to inform you that your child will not be able to return to school from Monday 4th January 2021 unless you are a critical worker, or your child is classed as vulnerable.

A list of what constitutes critical workers and vulnerable children can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you are a critical worker or your child is classed as vulnerable and you would like your child to attend school, please let us know by emailing info@hackneynewschoolcst.org or phoning the school. If your child was attending school during the last lockdown, please feel free to send them in as we will be expecting them on Monday. Please ensure they are in full school uniform or PE kits and bring in their own headphones. If, however, your child is extremely critically vulnerable they should remain at home.

The government has indicated that year 11 students will return on Monday 11th January with all students returning to school on January 18th. We will be in touch with more information later this week.

There is a very real chance that in areas of high infection children will not return to school on January 18th for an extended period. You need to make your child aware that it is vitally important for them to engage in online learning as this might be all they get for some time.

B: Remote learning

From Monday, January 4th, all children will be expected to engage with lessons remotely. Please make sure your child is aware of this. Your child should log on to the DPR at the usual time for their lesson and their teacher will post the link. We will be reverting back to these lesson times:

8:50- 9:40	Lesson 1
9:40-10:30	Lesson 2
10:30-10:50	Break
10:50-11:40	Lesson 3
11:40-12:30	Lesson 4
12:30-1:00	Lunch (End of day on Fridays)
1:00-1:50	Lesson 5
1:50-2:40	Lesson 6
2:40-3:30	Lesson 7 (Monday, Wednesday only)

If you need help with laptops or internet access, please contact us via this email: info@hackneynewschoolcst.org

We will be checking that all children log in using our Dynamic Progress Reporting System (DPR). If your child has forgotten their log on please email info@hackneynewschoolcst.org

There will be a free webinar for parents to show you how your child should access online learning. We particularly suggest that you attend if your child is in year 7 or new to the school or you need a refresher from the summer. This will take place at 10am on Monday 4th January. This will take place on zoom and joining details will be sent by email on Monday morning.

C: Mass testing

We will be drawing up a protocol to test students on-site in the next few days. We do not have further details yet. Please note, all testing will require parental consent and will not start until January 11th at the earliest.



D: Free school meals

If your child requires a free school meal, if you email us info@hackneynewschoolcst.org we will make up a grab bag for you to collect from reception daily at 12 midday. You can collect this even if your child is not in school and social distancing will be maintained. We will update you if we get alternative information regarding how free school meals will be distributed.

We apologise for the short notice and recognise the difficulty these arrangements may cause parents. We will update you again soon regarding the proposed return to school of all students.

Feel free to contact the school to discuss any specific questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued support at this difficult time for us all.

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Whelan
Headteacher