



Joseph Leckie Academy

18th December 2020

Dear Parent/Guardians/Carers

I am sorry to have to write to you at the end of term with a change of plan for January however, you may well have heard on the news yesterday the government announced yesterday afternoon (17th December) that:

“Secondary schools and colleges will operate a staggered return, offering all non-exam year groups full-time remote education, as close as possible to that which students would get in class, during the first week of term, with face-to-face education for all starting on 11 January.”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/staggered-rollout-of-coronavirus-testing-for-secondary-schools-and-colleges>

We were not informed on this plan ahead of the announcement yesterday and so we were unable to give you any advanced warning of these changes:

All students in Year 11 and 13 will be expected in school from Monday 4th January. Any Year 11 and 13 exams will continue as normal.

Some students in Year 12 are expected to attend: 12G SP1/ 12G BS1 and 12GIT 1. They will be at home at other times.

Year 10 students who are entered for your ICT Exam in the New Year are expected to attend their ICT lessons in school. 10A IT1; 10C IT1; 10D IT1 and 10E IT1. These students should come in for their ICT lessons 10 minutes prior to the lesson and then leave afterwards.

Vulnerable students across all years will be in school – these students have been notified by Mr Wallworth or Mrs DeRome of the expectations to be in school in lessons.

Those students who are eligible for Laptops for remote learning have received a text and should follow these instructions on this message and ensure they are collected ready for this for on-line learning. Those who have received the text but do not collect their Laptops will be expected to be in school in lessons.

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Children of Critical workers who have completed the on-line application (on the Academy website) should attend their lessons on the days requested.

Please note that if you are in Y11, Y13 or any of the year groups specified above, you must not attend school if you have had a positive test during the Christmas holiday. You must notify the Academy with the result on postbox@josephleckieacademy.co.uk

All remaining students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will be on a staggered return to school and all will be expected to return by Monday 11th January. We will advise you if your child needs to attend prior to 11th January. **These students are expected to complete their learning on-line from the 4th January.** This requirement has been set by the government so we expect all students to engage with their on-line work and any work packs that have been sent home.

During the Academy daytime students must not be found out of the house. When at home students must not be out of the house, parents must ensure they stay at home and follow the Tier Three advice.

ALL STUDENTS UNLESS ISOLATING MUST RETURN ON 11TH JANUARY 2021.

Remote Learning

If your child is at home, they should access their curriculum on-line. Some of this will be live streamed lessons. If you have more than one child accessing a computer these lessons will be recorded for them to catch up after the lesson if needed.

We have a variety of methods of learning so some can be accessed on tablets and phones as well including the use of SharePoint and tasks set via Ruler and emailed documents as well as Teams lessons.

In addition, some subjects may send links to other on-line materials for activities for students to do within their timetabled lessons.

Your child is expected to complete the lessons at the same time as they would have done so if they were in school so they should know their timetable. You can access this via your MyEd app.

Some reminders:

- If your child has any technical issues (including forgotten passwords) they should contact: JLAITSupport@josephleckieacademy.co.uk
- Remote learning information is available from [Joseph Leckie Academy - Online Working From Home](#)
- Remote learning resources available from [Joseph Leckie Academy - Remote Learning Resources](#)
- If they are not sure about any of their work in a particular subject, they should contact their teacher via their email address or via the Teams lesson
- We will be checking that they have accessed work during this period and there will be various forms of assessments, which they will be expected to complete to demonstrate their understanding.
- We strongly advise you support them in returning any work they produce, this can be uploaded via Ruler, email or bring into the Academy the following week. Guidance is available within the [Student Noticeboard](#) on how to do this.
- Your child should expect to receive activities or work from all of their subjects.

Reminders RE:COVID Safety

It is essential that your child follows the COVID protocols when they return (these were updated in December) available on the website.

<https://www.josephleckieacademy.co.uk/site/data/files/covid19/6CCC2F792ACD9E4529FA1D211D254118.pdf>

Some key points below:

Face Coverings: It is the law for all students (except those who are medically exempt) to wear a face covering in all communal areas – When you wear a face masks these should have a plain, simple patterned or disposable surgical masks. It is advisable that you have more than one so that it can be regularly washed. There should be NO designs /logos /messages on the masks. Other types of face coverings such as buffs, scarves, snoods, balaclavas etc will NOT be allowed.

Zones, entrances, exits and bubbles: Students must enter via the correct entrance and stay in their year zone. At break time and lunchtime, they must remain in zones. After school they should leave via the nearest exit. Students MUST not mix with other students from other years when on site.

One way systems: Students should stay on the left as indicated by arrows and in buildings where there are clear one-way systems.

Consequences: There are consequences for students who break COVID rules which are in place for everyone's safety.

Please refer to my previous letter regarding uniform and other reminders for the new term.

Wherever possible we try to communicate everything well in advance, as I had done in my previous letters. With the recent government announcement, unfortunately these changes had to be put in place very much at the last minute. I am sure you can appreciate that we have had no choice in this due to the latest government changes.

We are awaiting further detailed information, guidance and training in relation to testing in schools, as you may have seen in the press and link above. We currently only have very basic information about testing in schools and how, when and where we will be able to offer this. We will advise you in due course, when we have received more guidance and are able to plan further.

Thank you for your continued support.

We wish you and your families well over the holiday period and we look forward to working with you again in the new year.



Rachel Cook
Acting Principal