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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

We would like to start by thanking you for your continued patience whilst we accommodate changes as they are announced by the government.

As we are now in a period of national lockdown, we need to ensure that we follow the guidance of 'stay at home' as much as possible to ensure the safety of students and staff. Therefore, we are going to adhere stringently to the guidance published by the government regarding the attendance to school during lockdown. The guidance published on 4th January states that:

"During the period of national lockdown, schools and colleges should only allow vulnerable children and the children of critical workers to attend. Children with at least one parent or carer who is [listed as a critical worker](#) (the link will take you to the critical worker list) are eligible for a school place. It is not necessary for both parents to be critical workers. Schools and colleges should speak to parents and carers to identify who requires a school place. If it proves necessary, you can ask for simple evidence that the parent in question is a critical worker, such as their work ID badge or pay slip."

The academy will be making further contact with parents/carers of children who are attending to ensure we are applying the guidance for critical workers correctly. If you are a critical worker and would like to send your child in to school please contact JStockwell@hajc.leics.sch.uk. The academy will also be making further contact with parents/carers of students identified as vulnerable and their attendance to school.

There will be a small number of pastoral staff and learning support staff supervising students each day and students will have access to a computer so they are engaging with the remote learning along with the rest of the students at home. Senior leaders will also be present on site.

During the Autumn term, teaching staff have been undertaking development work regarding remote learning, in the event that schools may have to shut again. Coupled with the guidance from the government regarding remote learning, teaching staff will be setting remote learning to ensure there is curriculum continuity by delivering new learning rather than consolidation work. Therefore, we ask all parents/carers to support their child by ensuring they are completing the set learning tasks and where appropriate logging into the live lessons. This will ensure they do not have gaps in their learning when face to face learning resumes in February and they are having to have additional interventions to make up for lost learning. We will continue to give updates regarding remote learning.

The government has confirmed that vocational exams scheduled for January and February will continue as normal as the learning for these exams has taken place in the Autumn term. They have also announced that "it will not be possible for all exams to go ahead as **normal this summer** – and the Government will work with Ofqual and exam boards on alternative arrangements". Our understanding from this statement is that exams are not cancelled as per last year but that the assessments will take place in a different format. We will keep students and parents/carers updated as further guidance is released.



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Students eligible for free school meals will continue to receive vouchers for w/b 4th and 11th of January. We will advise further once we know the arrangements for FSM for w/b 18th January onwards.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School