



31 December 2020

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

Firstly, we hope that you have had a restful and happy Christmas.

Hopefully, you will have seen the various updates released by the government yesterday. As before, we were watching with interest, as we only found out about these plans at the same time as everyone else. The main changes are around the first day back for different year groups:

- **From 4th January, only children of critical workers and vulnerable children will be back in school.**
- **On 11th January all of Year 11 and Year 13 will also return.**
- **On the 18th January all other year groups are scheduled to return.**
- **From 5th January remote learning will be delivered to all year groups, in accordance with our policy.**

Staff will be spending Monday 4th January planning for the remote learning provision. Work will be set for students who will be in school on Monday 4th January.

Remote learning will be a mix of set work on Firefly/Teams platforms and live lessons. Please note, live lessons will be prioritised for Year 11 and Year 13 students in the first instance and those students in Year 10 who have an exam. Work will be set for all students in all years. If your child is unable to access remote learning please contact your child's Pastoral Leader in the first instance.

Children of critical workers and vulnerable children attending school from Monday 4th January are to arrive to school at their usual time and line up in their zones. They will be greeted by their Pastoral Leader and students will remain within their bubbles throughout the day. Minibus provision will be in place for those students who usually take a minibus to and from school.

For w/b 4th January only, students in school will not be required to wear their school uniform but will need to bring their lanyard with them. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing for the cold weather as the rooms will be ventilated by keeping windows and doors open. In addition, all students in school will also need to bring a set of headphones with them so they are able to access remote learning. From Monday 11th January all students will need to come in their full school uniform as the Y11 and Y13 students will be returning for face to face learning.

Students not in school who are entitled to **free school meals** will continue to receive FSM vouchers for w/b 4th January and 11th January.

The government has confirmed that the **examinations scheduled in January and February** for vocational subjects will continue and teachers of those subjects will contact students directly regarding preparations for the exams.



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We will be in touch with further updates after we have received clarification of some important points from the Department for Education including provision for mass testing.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year from everyone at Hinckley Academy and John Cleveland Sixth Form Centre.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Pathan".

Azizah Pathan

Head of School