



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re. Partial Opening & Remote Education from Monday 6th December – Thursday 16th December

We have been experiencing staffing difficulties this week which we have just about managed, but these difficulties are set to get much more serious in the W/b 6th December and the W/b 13th December.

We will have one teacher absent and in some cases two from the following departments: Mathematics, English, Science, Business Studies, Media Studies and Sport. The school has been working tirelessly to try and maintain safe staffing levels particularly at the start of the school day, during both break times, both lunch times and at the end of the school day.

We will therefore be moving to a partial opening from Monday 6th December until Thursday 16th December. Different year groups will be on site on different days and when they are not in school they will have remote provision.

Sharing the 'in school' and 'remote' provision between the year groups is the most fair way of doing things. Years 10/11 and 8/9 have been blocked together so that we can also reduce the number of duties that will need to be covered during the break times when students can have accidents playing ball games such as basketball, football etc.

Whilst initially it may seem that some students will have better provision in school, there is likely to be significant levels of cover in the final nine school days. We have prioritised our Yr. 7 students and our students considered 'vulnerable' on this occasion. If these measures should continue after Christmas then the school would attempt to give Yr. 11 and Sixth Form students greater provision in school.

It is hoped that by planning this early and doing it in a measured way over a relatively short period it will help reduce any negative impact.

Please check the plan attached to find out when your son should be in school.

	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	Sixth Form
Monday 6th December	In School	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	In School	In School	
		Not in School	Not in School			
Tuesday 7th December	In School	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	In School	In School	In School for
		Not in School	Not in School			Exams ONLY
Wednesday 8th December	In School	In School	In School	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	BTEC Lessons online
				Not in School	Not in School	
Thursday 9th December	In School	In School	In School	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	
				Not in School	Not in School	
Friday 10th December	Independent Home Learning set on SMH	Independent Home Learning set on SMH	Independent Home Learning set on SMH	Independent Home Learning set on SMH	Independent Home Learning set on SMH	Independent Home Learning set on SMH
	Not in School	Not in School	Not in School	Not in School	Not in School	Not in School
Monday 13th December	In School	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	In School	In School	Remote Learning
		Not in School	Not in School			Not in School
Tuesday 14th December	In School	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	In School	In School	Remote Learning
		Not in School	Not in School			Not in School
Wednesday 15th December	In School	In School	In School	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning
				Not in School	Not in School	Not in School
Thursday 16th December FINAL DAY OF PROVISION FOR STUDENTS	In School	In School	In School	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning
				Not in School	Not in School	Not in School
Friday 17th December	STAFF IN SCHOOL UNTIL 1PM					

Students will still have access to food items during break and lunch and they are expected to attend school in their full school uniform at the normal times. Students will not be gathering in year groups during the school day and they will still be expected to wear their facemasks in communal areas.

Unfortunately, we have also had to cancel occasions when students would be coming together across year groups such as the Christmas Bonanza concert and Christmas Carol services. The school will be restricting the number of visitors coming on site and we have reviewed any trips/visits which were scheduled to take place.

Students must continue to take lateral flow tests twice per week, wear their facemask if they use public transport and remain at home if they have any symptoms of the coronavirus. Students are asked to attend form time remotely when they are not in school, access the 'virtual' lessons or complete any work which has been set on Show My Homework.

Here is a reminder of the school's expectations regarding 'virtual' lessons:

- 'Virtual' lessons will be conducted via 'Zoom'.
- 'Virtual' Zoom lesson log in details will be uploaded onto Show My Homework (SMH) the morning of the lesson and will appear red on student's dashboards. The Zoom log in details will be added as a locked file in SMH. **Under no circumstances should these details be shared with anyone else!**
- All lessons will be password protected and students will enter a virtual waiting room where they will be admitted into the lesson one at a time by the teacher.

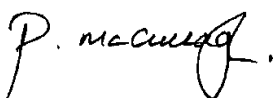
- A register of attendance will be taken via Edulink.
- Students may wish to use an appropriate virtual background.
- Students must sign in with their correct name and form (e.g. John Fisher 9F).
- Students must enter meetings with the microphone muted.
- **Students must behave appropriately and conduct themselves in the correct manner. Any student not displaying positive behaviour will be removed from the lesson and possibly subsequent lessons and will face a consequence on returning to school, at the discretion of the Director of Learning and Senior Leadership Team.**
- Students must be appropriately dressed without hats or face coverings.
- Language must be appropriate, including any family members in the background.
- Students should listen carefully to all ground rules at the start of each lesson and follow the lesson protocol for asking questions & interaction.
- The use of the chat function should only be used to communicate with the teacher running the Zoom lesson.
- If a teacher is absent due to illness, the virtual lesson will not take place.
- All virtual lessons will be recorded by the teachers.
- Students are not permitted to record any meeting in any format.

By bringing staff instruction into the home, the lessons can feel different. The same rules of communication apply as if this were a regularly taught lesson meaning that the interaction in these lessons is between the teacher and the students alone.

We do apologise for the inconvenience that this provision may cause for the remainder of this term and the school was hoping not to have to resort to this model of provision. The restricted numbers on site will hopefully help to keep everyone safe and prevent any members of our school community becoming poorly over the Christmas break and having to self-isolate.

Thank you for your ongoing support and continue to stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



P E McCullagh
Headteacher