



# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Remote Education Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Regrettably, you will have been made aware via text from earlier today that students will not be on site for lessons next week.

This is as a result of us being notified of one positive coronavirus case in Year 7, one in Year 8 and one amongst our teaching staff members.

This has obviously affected a number of students (who have already been contacted) and other staff members. We currently have 13 members of staff who will be self-isolating through next week (as advised by Track and Trace), because they have been in contact with a positive case, are considered vulnerable or are shielding vulnerable members of their households. You will probably be familiar with the advice from Public Health England that it is more important to break the chain of infection than keep the school open.

These circumstances have led to the decision being made, for students to move to remote education next week. We are not asking students and/or their families to self-isolate, unless they have been specifically advised to do so in previous communication (which is the case for some students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 11 students).

From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December up to and including Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, your son(s) will need to access tutor time and lessons remotely each day. Lessons will be predominantly live 'Zoom' sessions unless a teacher is unavailable, in which case, work will be set via Show My Homework. I am sure you can appreciate that it would be unfair to ask some of our teachers who have the coronavirus, to teach lessons, particularly if they are suffering from the severe impacts of this virus.

Tutor time will take place at the normal time of 8:45am each morning and lesson start times are on the guidance sheet attached.

The school site remains open next week, but with a limited number of staff to reduce the risk of further transmission. The only adults on site will be those helping with supervision for our vulnerable children, the children of critical workers and for those who may have no access to I.T/mobile device.

We have already made contact with the parents/carers of our vulnerable children and they will have been given particular guidance for their attendance to school next week.

Children of critical workers will be able to attend school between 8:45am and 12:05pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. If you are a critical worker and wish your son to

attend these sessions, please email your Key Stage Administrator to request this by **noon on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Any requests should include confirmation of your job role from your employer. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate students after this deadline. These sessions will be supervised by staff members and provide access to I.T. which will enable your son to join his form time and lessons along with the rest of his class. Students who are coming on site should wait at the pedestrian gate at the front of the school until collected by a staff member.

Parents/carers are asked to notify the school of positive coronavirus results **relating to their son(s)** by emailing [covidalert@johnfisherschool.org](mailto:covidalert@johnfisherschool.org) next week and up until Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. On our school website you will find contact information if you have queries relating to remote learning, if you require pastoral support from our Chaplain or one of our wellbeing coordinators or if you would like to report a safeguarding matter. Parents/carers are asked to liaise with their son's Form tutor in the first instance and then their son's Director of Learning if the matter remains unresolved. Any general enquiries should be emailed to the following:

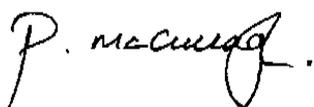
KS3 Administrator (Years 7, 8 & 9):	Mrs Maynard	<a href="mailto:h.maynard@johnfisherschool.org">h.maynard@johnfisherschool.org</a>
KS4 Administrator (Years 10 & 11):	Mrs Cody	<a href="mailto:m.cody@johnfisherschool.org">m.cody@johnfisherschool.org</a>
KS5 Administrator (Years 12 & 13):	Mrs Cooney	<a href="mailto:c.cooney@johnfisherschool.org">c.cooney@johnfisherschool.org</a>

It is disappointing that our term has had to end in this manner and we pray that we can resume full lessons from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for all year groups. Student attendance to school has been outstanding for all of this term and I thank God we have got such wonderful young people who come to our school along with such a hard-working team of staff. We will be celebrating the key moments from this term via our newsletter next week. The Mufti Day for 'Save the Children' will now not be able to take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, but for those who have donated via ParentPay already, the school will still be donating this to the charity.

For now, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for all of your support in what has been a demanding term, and I would like to send you my very best wishes for the Christmas holiday.

I would ask that you keep in your prayers the individuals from our school community who are suffering from the coronavirus and their families.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher