

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Peaks Hill Purley Surrey CR8 3YP

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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will have been made aware from national media that the Government has asked that not all of our students will be on site for lessons from Monday 4th January. The plan is as follows:

First Week of Term Arrangements: W/b Monday 4th January

| Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 | Students will be taught remotely during the first week of the new term. There will be Form time taking place via 'Zoom' on Monday 4 th January 9.45-10.05am. Remote lessons will then begin from 10.05am onwards. Form time will take place via 'Zoom' from Tuesday 5 th January – Friday 8 th January 8.45-9.05am. | |
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| Year 11 | Students will be in school for their Pre Public Examinations (PPE) from Monday 4 th January. Students in this year group will receive a separate letter regarding the arrangements for these exams. Students are asked to bring their own food items to school. | |
| Year 12 | Students will be taught remotely during the first week of the new term. There will be Form time which will take place via 'Zoom' on Monday 4 th January 9.45-10.05am. Remote lessons will then begin from 10.05am onwards. Form time will take place via 'Zoom' from Tuesday 5 th January – Friday 8 th January 8.45-9.05am. | |
| Year 13 | Students can return to school from Monday 4 th January for face to face lessons at the normal time. Students are asked to bring their own food items to school. | |
| Students in 7Catherine | Students can return to school from Tuesday 5 th January. Either Mrs Hall or Mrs Kenny will confirm arrangements via email. | |

For parents/carers of students in Yr 7, Year 8, Year, 9, Year 10 & Year 12:

From Monday 4th January up to and including Friday 8th January, 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.

Contact will be with the parents/carers of our vulnerable children who can return to school from Tuesday 5th January. Students are asked to bring their own food items to school during this week.

Children of critical workers will be able to attend school between 8:45am and 12:05pm from Tuesday 5th January to Friday 8th January. 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 4th January**. 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.

On our school website is 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 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 | h.maynard@johnfisherschool.org |
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| KS4 Administrator (Years 10 & 11): | Mrs Cody | <u>m.cody@johnfisherschool.org</u> |
| KS5 Administrator (Years 12 & 13): | Mrs Cooney | <pre>c.cooney@johnfisherschool.org</pre> |

While it is difficult to express my level of gratitude in words, I am seizing the moment to say *thank you* for all that you as parents/carers do to support the mission and vision of The John Fisher School. I want to personally thank you for pulling together so well, and for getting through this trying year in such relatively good shape. I, for one, regret that we have not been able to hold many of our traditional celebrations at this time of year, but I do not regret for a moment how The John Fisher School community has shone over recent months, how our phenomenal students, talented staff and dedicated parents/carers have risen to the challenges before us. I hope that you enjoy our virtual Carol service and reading about this term's events in our newsletter.

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

We look forward to welcoming all of our students back on site from Monday 11th January.

Yours sincerely,

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P E McCullagh - Headteacher