

4th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! Here's hoping 2021 is a much better year for us all!

I thought it would be helpful to confirm our arrangements for this term, given the various messages in the press over the weekend, and the impact some union action is having on many schools both locally and nationally. Having said that, I notice there is now an update from the Prime Minister expected at 8pm this evening, so these arrangements may change yet again. Please accept my apologies for the ever-changing messages that I am now regularly giving you, all with very short notice.

At 3.16pm today, the arrangements for the start of the spring term 2021 at JCSC **remain**:

- **Years 5 and 6** will all return tomorrow, Tuesday 5th January and begin the new term as planned.
- **Years 11 and 13** will return to school on Monday 11th January.
- **Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12** will return to school on Monday 18th January.

Children classed as vulnerable, those with EHCPs, and the children of key workers in year 7 and above can also attend school from tomorrow where they will be supervised as they access their online learning in one of our ICT suites.

A member of staff will have been in touch with you today if your child falls into one of these categories, and we are very much looking forward to seeing them tomorrow at the upper school site on Acklington Road.

Online learning will be provided for all classes for years 7 and above from tomorrow until they return to school for their learning 'in person' – this will begin with a tutor period at the start of each day, and the lesson times and lengths are slightly amended as follows:

Time	Online Learning Period
8:50- 9:05am	Registration and well being check. This is an opportunity for students to speak to their form tutor and access support with any difficulties that may have occurred the previous day.
9:15am- 10am	Period 1
10:15 am- 11am	Period 2
11am- 11:40am	Break
11:40am- 12:25pm	Period 3
12:25pm- 1:10pm	Lunch
1:15pm- 2pm	Period 4
2:15pm- 3pm	Period 5

More details and guidance on how to access and get the best from the online lessons can be found on the home learning page on our website: <https://www.jcsc.co.uk/home-learning/>

Sixth form mock exams for Y13 students will take place next week, the week beginning 11th January and all students should receive an updated timetable soon.

The Cambridge Technical exams for year 12 students will go ahead next week, the week beginning 11th January, with those students attending school in person to sit them.

Tomorrow I will write a separate letter to outline our plans for testing in school, and a link to an online form for you to let us know whether you give consent for your child to participate.

Additionally, if the Prime Minister's announcement this evening means that our plans must change yet again I will, of course, inform you of any amendments we have to make.

Until tomorrow, then.... Thank you for your support and understanding through such a difficult period. It means so much to the entire staff team at JCSC.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Neil Rodgers'.

Neil Rodgers
Executive Headteacher