

# Chace Community School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we are sure you are now aware from yesterday's Government announcement, sadly we will be closing for the majority of students for the foreseeable future, and at least until after the February half term break. The country is now in Alert Level 5 meaning that additional measures have been put in place nationally to reduce the transmission of the Corona Virus, including the closure of schools.

We are very sorry that we have to write to you so soon after the last letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, but it is important that we communicate new information based on this changing national picture. It is never an easy decision to close a school. Please be assured that the committed teaching and support staff at Chace will do everything we can to ensure your child continues to receive high quality education. Please find below, our plans for the students during this period. Obviously much of what we say will be subject to change due to the unprecedented nature of the situation.

## Vulnerable children and children of critical workers

- For the duration of this national lockdown, we will remain open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. The Cabinet Office has published a list of key workers who can access this provision and the full list can be found using the link below. If you think your child is eligible to attend school due to being in any of these categories and would like to book a place or find out more, please email [maunder@chace.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:maunder@chace.enfield.sch.uk)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision?utm\\_source=4%20January%202021%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision?utm_source=4%20January%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

## Remote Education

- For the duration of the school closure, we will be teaching students online using Google Meet which students can access from Google Classroom.
- Year 11 and 13 lessons began on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and will continue for the duration of the school closure.
- Online teaching will be delivered for all year groups from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (in the first instance) following the normal school timetable.
- An online daily registration at 8.20am will take place for Years 7-11. Arrangements for Post 16 registration will be slightly different and communicated separately by Ms Christodolou, the Head of Sixth Form.
- All lessons and registrations periods are compulsory.

## Chromebooks and devices

- We have a limited number of devices to loan to students for online teaching. If you need to borrow a device please contact [pjones@chace.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:pjones@chace.enfield.sch.uk)



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## Exams

- BTEC January examinations – we can confirm that the BTEC exams in Health and Social Care and Business are still going ahead this week and students who are due to sit these exams should still attend.
- Year 11 January PPE exams – unfortunately, due to school closure we are unable to carry out these exams as planned. We are committed to ensuring that Year 11 students are not disadvantaged in any way this year and are exploring alternative arrangements to provide assessment opportunities.
- Summer examinations – the Government have announced that it won't be possible for all exams to go ahead as normal this summer and that they will work with Ofqual and the exam boards on alternative arrangements. We are sorry to have to share this information and, at this stage, don't have more information to provide. You can be assured that we will keep you up to date as soon as we get more information on this situation and that we will do everything in our power to ensure that all examination groups in Year 11 and 13 receive the grades they deserve.
- Whilst there is uncertainty at this time, it is very important that students in Year 11 and 13 in particular continue to attend all online lessons and study to ensure that they receive the breadth of their curriculum entitlement.

## Mass Testing Update – Rapid testing for all staff and students

- Later this week you will receive a letter with further details about lateral flow testing in school including a parent/carer consent form. Please can we urge you to provide consent as soon as possible to help us with planning and site safety.
- Thank you to those parents, carers and members of the wider community that have volunteered to help. If any parents or carers (or big brothers or sisters!) would like to volunteer to support us with this important work please let us know by contacting [keelan@chace.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:keelan@chace.enfield.sch.uk) Training and PPE is provided.

## Safeguarding

- If you have a safeguarding concern within school hours please send an email to [chacecpteam@chace.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:chacecpteam@chace.enfield.sch.uk) requesting a safeguarding call from one of our safeguarding team who will respond to you as soon as possible. Please do not put details of your concerns in that email. If the concern is outside of school hours or an immediate safeguarding concern please click <https://www.kooth.com/urgent-support> to access urgent support from a crisis service.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your support and understanding at this time. As soon as we have any further information on the school re-opening, we will let you know.

Yours sincerely



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DEPUTY HEADTEACHER



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CHAIR OF GOVERNORS