

5 January 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

You will have heard the announcement last night that schools are closed as part of the national lockdown. This means that our school is closed to students from now until further notice and learning will be done by students from home.

Our remote Education Policy is on our school website, which outlines the key information about what to expect from remote learning. Mrs Wilmore and our Heads of Faculty have also put together a useful document for parents and students showing what each year group will be expected to do in each subject and how it will be delivered. Please note that remote learning is a blended approach of independent work set for students to complete and interaction with teachers, which may involve some live lessons on TEAMS. Students are expected to study for four hours a day with breaks and to be available during school hours.

Boris Johnson also said that the summer exams would not go ahead which will affect students in Years 11 and 13. He said:

“In the circumstances, we do not think it is possible for all exams in the summer to go ahead as planned. We will accordingly be working with Ofqual to consult rapidly to put in place alternative arrangements that will allow students to progress fairly.”

Students therefore should still continue to complete work and be ready for any assessments in whatever form they may take. Unfortunately, the government have not provided schools or the Local Authorities with any further information or guidance yet about any of the aspects of the announcement last night but as soon as we know anything else we will, of course let you know. We know how unsettling this is for students from our experiences last year. Vocational exams however will go ahead as planned this month.

Students who are children of parents who are critical workers who cannot learn at home and our vulnerable students are asked to book in using the appropriate form on a weekly basis so that we know in advance which students to expect and on which days of the week. Communication from school will be sent through the usual emails and texts.

We all share your frustration over the way these announcements have been made and the lack of guidance and information that we have been given. We will try our best as a school to ensure students are supported as best we can throughout this lockdown and thank you in advance for all you are doing to support your children at this difficult time.

If you have any questions please email (enquiries@stjohnfisherschool.org.uk) our central school email address and your question will be forwarded to the most appropriate person. Alternatively, you can phone our school reception (01733 343646) if your query is urgent and our staff will be able to answer most of your questions quickly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K Pereira'.

Mrs K Pereira
Headteacher