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Friday 25th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of our plan to return students to face-to face learning in school following the Prime minister's announcement on Monday this week.

The Government expects all students to be tested three times between Monday 8th March and Friday 19th March. I would like to thank all parents who have already given their consent for their child to be tested in school. If you have not done this, please can you complete the form using the link <https://bit.ly/3pReLoC>. Although it is not mandatory that students are tested, it is a really useful way to ensure that students and staff are safer in school, and testing will become an additional tool alongside our other protection systems. Students will be using their smart phones to register their tests on the NHS website.

Following the three tests in school where students will learn how to undertake the test themselves, students will also be given tests to take home from the 15th of March. These will be used at home and results reported into the school and the NHS.

In order to have sufficient time for assemblies, tutor time and testing; a phased return over the first three days will be used. This means that different year groups will be invited into school on Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th March for induction and testing. Please note that attendance at school on the day allocated for your son or daughter's year group is compulsory. All students will start face to face full time lessons in school from Thursday 11th March and students must continue with remote learning until face-to-face teaching begins. Any students who have been loaned a laptop or any device must return it to school on Thursday 11th March. A separate letter will be sent detailing how this should be done. Before I set up the times of return, I would like to clarify some expectations that needs to be understood by all:

Expectation 1- COVID-19 Security

The threat of COVID-19 has not gone away, and students must continue to follow the **hands, face & space** message in school. **Masks** must be worn in all communal areas and areas where there is close contact. All students have been provided with masks and these must be worn by students throughout the day. If they have lost their mask, they can be purchased through ParentPay at a cost of £3.00.

As we have now moved out of winter, the weather is getting warmer and so we would like to discourage the wearing of coats, hats, gloves etc. Such items could potentially be an additional form of transmission.

Social distancing must be followed at all times and there will be no sharing of equipment. All students must have a pencil case with all their equipment needed for every day learning. If students do not have the appropriate equipment, a pencil case fully equipped with two black pens, a green pen, a highlighter, pencil, sharpener, ruler, rubber, protractor and glue stick is available for purchase again on Parents pay at a cost of £4.00. It is vitally important that we avoid any sharing of equipment and limit ourselves to any virus transmission. If your son or daughter is not feeling well, you should not send your child to school unless they have recovered or have taken a COVID-19 test and the results are negative. If you are unsure on whether to send your child to school if they are unwell, please contact attendance on a@sjc.ac



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Expectation 2- Uniform & behaviour:

All students must be in full school uniform from the Monday 8th March. There are no excuses for this. Students must also have the correct footwear as part of their uniform. Once lessons are fully operational from Thursday 11th March, our disruption free classroom behaviour policy will be fully enforced. Students have had a significant amount of time learning on their own and this policy ensures that no students have a right to disrupt the learning of others or the teacher teaching. Students who fail to follow these expectations will be placed in AR for disruptions of lessons and late to lessons.

Monday 1st March

On Monday 1st March, all staff will be in school preparing for students return. As such, there will be no remote lessons on Monday 1st March. However, all students will have different activities to complete based on their key stage. **Key Worker provision** will continue as normal.

Key Stage 3 will have a non-screen reflection day. Each period there will be a set of activities which can be chosen as part of our Lenten observance. The activities and options are inclusive and respectful of students belonging to different faiths and none.

Key Stage 4 In the weeks running up to Easter all students in year 10 and 11 will have Continuous Assessment Process (CAP) Tests. These will test learning during remote teaching. Key Stage 4 students should use the time on Monday to revise and prepare for their CAP tests and/or complete any outstanding work. Their Knowledge Organisers would be a useful tool for revision. **Year 11** – please note that these tests will contribute to Year 11 teacher Assessed grades for your courses.

Key Stage 5 should use this day to prepare for their TMF 4 and/or complete any outstanding coursework.

Normal, remote lessons will resume on Tuesday and run until all students are in school on Thursday the 11th March.

Free School Meals

We know that the last year has been a financial strain on many families. If you feel that your child is eligible for free school meals, then you should take this support up. Please contact the school if you would like to claim FSM. From 11th March a full catering service will resume. If your son/daughter is already eligible for a free school meal we would ask you to encourage them to take this at lunchtime. All students are registered on our ParentPay system, they just need to check in and take the meal.





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RETURN TIMETABLE

From Monday the 8th of March year groups will be invited into school at the following times. They will take part in a number of activities including assemblies, time with their tutors and (where permission has been given) take part in Lateral Flow Testing. Our Key worker provision will continue as normal over these three days.

MONDAY 8th March

| Year Group | Arrive by | Line up time | Dismiss from |
|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Year 13 | 8.15am | | 10.35am |
| Year 12 | 9.05am | | 11.15am |
| Year 11 | 12.20pm | 12.30pm | 3.30pm |

Years 10, 9, 8 and 7 will continue with remote learning. There will be no other lessons on Monday for years 13-11

TUESDAY 9th March

| Year Group | Arrive by | Line up time | Dismiss from |
|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Year 7 | 8.05am | 8.15am | 11.30am |
| Year 10 | 12.20pm | 12.30pm | 3.30pm |

Years 13, 12, 11, 9 and 8 will continue with remote learning. There will be no other lessons on Tuesday for years 7 and 10.

WEDNESDAY 10th March

| Year Group | Arrive by | Line up time | Dismiss from |
|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Year 8 | 8.05am | 8.15am | 11.30am |
| Year 9 | 12.20pm | 12.30pm | 3.30pm |

Years 13, 12, 11, 10 and 7 will continue with remote learning. There will be no other lessons on Wednesday for years 8 and 9.

THURSDAY 11th March - All students in school for normal WEEK 2 lessons

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| Key Stage 3 and 6 th form | 8.15am start |
| Key Stage 4 | 9.15 am start |

I realise that this is quite a long letter so please take time to read it carefully. We are really looking forward to seeing all our young people back in school and for life to start to return to something more normal.

Yours sincerely

David Garrido
Headmaster