

St Cuthbert's lockdown update for parents January 2021

You will all no doubt be aware of the latest guidance on schools which was announced at 8pm on Monday January 4th. Please be assured that this announcement was the first schools knew about the changes too. Our absolute priority remains keeping everyone safe while maintaining a good quality of education. In order to achieve this, it is important that you please read the details below and where you need to take action, please do so.

Once we become aware of any changes we will inform you immediately. We are presently only able to provide places in school for vulnerable students who we have identified and children who have at least one parent who is deemed to be on the [Critical Worker List](#) (click this link for details). You are under absolutely no obligation to send your children in if you feel it is safer not to. All lessons will be delivered remotely even to those students who are attending school. There will be no disadvantage at all if your child works from home, as long as they do access the remote lessons. If you do consider yourself to be a critical worker and you wish to have access to a place at school then please email this address criticalworker@scrchs.com. You will be asked for details and evidence of your role so that we can process your application and provide a place for your son or daughter.

Remote Learning

- Please read the attached parent guide and other related information on [remote learning lessons](#) (click here for the link) if you are unfamiliar with how this works.
- The schedule for lessons from Wednesday January 6th is as follows:
 - Session 1: 09.15 – 10.45
 - Break: 10.45 – 11.00
 - Session 2: 11.00 – 13.00
 - Lunch: 13.00 – 13.40
 - Session 3: 13.40 – 14.40
- If you require a [lap top](#) (click here for the link) for your son / daughter to be able to work from home please follow the link to arrange for one to be provided. You will then be informed when these can be collected from school.
- Attendance in remote lessons is compulsory and we will inform parents if students do not access them or do the required work.

Students in school

- Full details of what is expected will be sent directly to all students in attendance. A summary of what is expected is below:
 - All students in attendance must arrive no later than 08.20. They will leave at 14.40.
 - All students will have full uniform and any required equipment.
 - Lunch is available at school (this will be a limited range) or students can bring their own.
 - The school's behaviour policy and expectations apply at all times.

Year 10 & 11

- Students in year 10 & 11 were due to be doing exams this summer and still have mock exams after February Half Term. The summer exams are being reviewed and are subject to change but at this moment in time we do not know what those changes are. It is likely that schools will be asked to provide 'Centre Assessed Grades'. These are basically our predictions of what a student would have achieved in the actual exams. We base these upon a range of factors including assessment grades in mock exams which are due in February. It is therefore essential that students are ready for those exams whether they take place in school or at home. These exam results will influence the Centre

Assessed Grade a student is awarded. After the mock exams students will be given additional work and assessments to improve their grades and again these will inform the decisions. It is therefore vital that students engage with remote learning and work to be the best that they can be at all times and do not now assume it doesn't matter. Everything they do between now and June will impact upon their grades.

Frees School Meals & Buses

- Anyone eligible for Free School Meals but not attending school will be sent a voucher each week. Please contact us via our website if you have any issues receiving these vouchers.
- Many of the school buses will not be running from Monday January 11th. We will update our school website with details when they are confirmed.

We will continue to send you weekly updates on a Friday. These will hopefully clarify any questions you have. Students will have daily lessons and weekly assemblies. I wish you all the very best during the current lockdown and look forward to being able to welcome back all of our community at some point in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely

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