



Tuesday, 05 January 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian,

**Re: Lockdown and School Opening**

We are deeply sorry that our plans have had to change as a result of Boris Johnson's announcement of a new national lockdown for England. This is extremely disappointing for pupils and staff as we were looking forward to a return to school and face-to-face teaching.

However, we are committed to providing the best education we can offer during lockdown and we are pressing ahead with our online lessons and assignments already. The pupils will receive timetables for their zoom sessions this week and any changes to arrangements as we look to making sure that the virtual school is a success.

We have just collated the results from our second set of online examinations in years 7 to 10. The turn out was much improved and the results show the pupils have taken this very seriously. We know we can make online learning successful and will continue to push ahead with developing our offer over the next half term.

The new timetable for pupils looks like this.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Key Worker/ Vulnerable Pupils</b>	<b>Year 11 and 13</b>	<b>Years 7,8,9,10 &amp; 12</b>	<b>Lateral Flow Mass Testing</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Training Day			
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan- Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	In school	Online education - MS Teams / Zoom	Online assemblies and MS Teams assignments	Delivery of equipment, set-up, recruitment of staff and training
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan – February Half Term	In school	Online education timetable – MS Teams / Zoom	Online education timetable – MS Teams / Zoom	Staff + key worker/ vulnerable pupils

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The Clock Mill and Lock Keepers will be open from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January between 9am and 3pm for vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers. Please read through the following [vulnerable children list](#) to check whether your son / daughter qualifies and email [Jennifer.copestake@eastlondoncienceschool.co.uk](mailto:Jennifer.copestake@eastlondoncienceschool.co.uk) as soon as possible to confirm attendance.

Online learning timetables and activities will be published on Teams over the course of the week and a summary of the plan will be available on the ELSS website as soon as possible.

I will write to you separately next week regarding details of the Covid-19 testing regime, including parental consent. A key element in establishing mass testing at ELSS is the recruitment of volunteers to help in the setting up of testing sites, supervise testing and support the logging of data. If you, or someone you know would like to volunteer please contact [paul.cornish@eastlondoncienceschool.co.uk](mailto:paul.cornish@eastlondoncienceschool.co.uk).

Please contact the school reception with urgent enquiries and please keep us informed of any pupils who either have a positive COVID test or need to isolate for medical reasons. We are committed to delivering the best education we can for your child in what is going to be a difficult period. Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation.

Your Sincerely

David Perks

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