

Dear Parent/Guardian

Attendance at school during lockdown

Thank you for supporting your child in these difficult times. It is especially challenging with new guidance coming from Government at ever increasing frequency. We are proud of our students who are working hard in such demanding circumstances and know that families remain anxious about the continuing Covid situation.

I am writing to advise that the Department for Education has updated it's advice regarding students who can attend school during lockdown. The new guidance states that ***where children of critical workers can stay at home they should do so.***

The Prime Minister has recently stated that "in school transmission between children then drives household transmission". If schools remain too crowded this risk remains. With rising cases in East Lindsey this becomes a significant route of Covid infection into the household for families in the community.

We are continuing our virtual lessons on Teams for Years 9, 10 and 11 and integrating more online resources into remote learning that you can access. More information will come out to you about this. Details of support via your mobile network provider have been sent out to you with more information to follow. We have also issued guidance with respect to how to use a games console to view Teams.

We are looking to involve Years 7 and 8 with virtual pastoral sessions initially, to support younger students at home. We are also actively engaged in seeking urgent clarification regarding the process for securing Free School Meals support. We have been advised that this is "imminent" and share your frustration that this has not already been planned for.

Please bear with us - these steps take time – but we are fully committed to supporting you, your child(ren) and family at this difficult time. We are here to help and can easily be contacted via ***office@jstc.org.uk*** or via the dedicated pastoral email addresses available on the website.

Yours sincerely,

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