

Social Arts for Education
An Independent Special School for Children
aged 11-18
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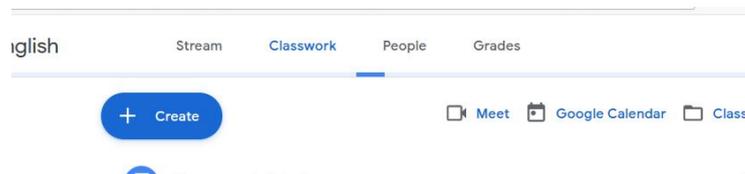
Dear parents/carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – phased return in January

As you may have seen in the news, the government has instructed secondary schools in England to prepare for a phased return to on-site education in January for all children, unless they are in an exam year, are the child of a key worker, or are classed as vulnerable. We will therefore be providing remote learning for the first week of term for everyone **except** pupils in the following categories:

- Vulnerable children
- The children of critical workers
- Pupils in years 11 and 13, and other pupils due to take external exams this academic year.

Remote learning will take place at your child's normal lesson times, via Google Classroom and Meet. Within each class on Google Classroom, children can access the relevant Meet from the Classwork tab as shown below:



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Children must adhere to rules laid out in our Conduct for Remote Learning and Remote Learning policy. These rules are in place to ensure their safety during any period of remote learning. I have attached copies of these documents to this email, and they can also be found on our website.

Should your child need to borrow a laptop to enable them to access remote classes, please let us know, and we will provide one for them.

If you are unsure which children would class as ‘vulnerable children’, or who would be a ‘critical worker’, a reminder of the definitions is below.

Vulnerable children are those who:

- Have a child in need plan or child protection plan
- Are looked after by the local authority
- Have an education, health and care (EHC) plan and risk assessment has determined that their needs can be as safely or more safely met at school
- Have been assessed as otherwise vulnerable by the school or LA, including children who are:
 - On the edge of receiving support from children’s social care services
 - Adopted
 - At risk of becoming NEET (‘not in employment, education or training’)
 - Living in temporary accommodation
 - Young carers

Critical workers are those who work in:

- Health and social care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services (including the justice system, religious staff, charities delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting)
- Local and national government who are involved in delivering the coronavirus response or essential public services
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport

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- Utilities, communication and financial services

Please let us know if your family has had a change in circumstance which means you or your child now fall into either of these categories.

Rapid COVID-19 Testing

You may also have heard about the Government's plans to introduce rapid coronavirus testing into secondary schools, for the benefit of all students and staff. At the time of writing this letter, the plan is for tests to be administered as follows:

- All secondary students to receive two tests, three days apart, at the beginning of the school term
- Students identified as a close contact of a known case to be eligible for daily testing, for seven days, to reduce the time they would need to self-isolate away from school.

Testing is **not mandatory**, however the Senior Medical Adviser to Public Health England says it "can help make students and staff safer by helping us quickly identify many people who are unknowingly carrying high levels of the virus, preventing them from passing it on to others". We would therefore encourage those who are able to do so to participate in the scheme.

The test is simple and easy to self-administer.

The Government have said that testing will be carried out by volunteers. We have not yet finalised procedures as the conditions around this are not yet clear, **but we are hoping that the following will apply**, pending any necessary training:

- Children self-administer swab tests where possible
- Parents volunteer to assist their children should they be unable to self-administer swabs.

No testing will be carried out without consent, and a consent form is attached to the bottom of this letter. We would be grateful if you could fill this out and return it to us by the first week of term.

Your child's test results will be treated as sensitive medical information and processed in accordance with our Privacy Notices and Data Protection Policy. Should your child test positive, we are required to do the following:

- Notify the Department for Education via the daily return form
- Notify both Royal Borough of Greenwich and your child's home Local Authority of a confirmed positive case
- Contact the Department for Education advice line
- Inform the wider school community of a positive case and the action we will be taking, if necessary to do so.

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The information we will share will be anonymous. We will not share the name of anyone with coronavirus unless it is essential to do so in order to protect others.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the above or require any equipment to assist your child with remote learning, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we hope you have a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Warm regards,



Ruth McWeeney
Deputy Headteacher



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Consent form for administration of lateral flow COVID-19 tests.

Parents and carers, please complete this form on behalf of your child. Children can also countersign the form at the bottom should they wish to do so.

Child's name: _____

Child's age: _____

Name of person completing form: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Do you have parental responsibility for this child? Yes No

I consent to my child **self-administering** a COVID-19 swab test at SAFE.

I consent to my child being tested for COVID-19 at SAFE, however, **they will need support to take the test.**

I do not consent to my child being tested for COVID-19 at SAFE.

Signed (parent): _____

Date: _____

Signed (child or young person): _____

Date: _____

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