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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID-19: School provision update following announcement of new national lockdown

On Monday evening the Prime Minister announced that the UK's coronavirus alert level has increased. Due to the speed with which the new variant of the virus is spreading, it is now at five – the highest level – meaning there is a risk of healthcare services being overwhelmed. Therefore, a new national lockdown is in place as of January 5th 202. The Government instruction is to stay at home, with extreme measures enforced by law, while vaccines are rolled out.

As we had already planned, from Tuesday 5 January, The Crest Academy will be only be open for the children of critical workers and those classed as vulnerable to attend, on site. We will provide remote learning to be completed at home for all other students. If you wish to request a critical worker place, please do email the academy on TheCrestAcademyInformation@E-ACT.org.uk or ring the school on 020 8452 4842.

[The full list of critical workers can be found here.](#)

Remote learning

Remote teaching and learning will be available for every child while they are at home. This provision will never be as good as in-class teaching, but we are doing our best to make sure our students keep up with their learning. A guide to this remote provision is available on our school website on the “remote learning” tab: [click here to access it directly.](#)

All students should start by logging in to Microsoft Teams, where they will be able to access live lessons. This will often include a link or instructions to go to Microsoft Teams, where lessons or parts of lessons will be taught directly to students and recorded to support students unable to access learning at timetabled period for a variety of circumstances.

KS3 students will follow a bespoke timetable. [Click here to access it directly.](#)

KS4 and KS5 students will follow their normal timetabled lessons. [Click here to access it directly.](#)

The most important thing to remember is that Microsoft Teams is the starting point. Please read this guide carefully if you or your child are having problems logging in ([please click here to access it directly](#)). If your child does not have access to a smartphone, laptop or desktop computer, or you do not have reliable internet access at home, we can lend you a laptop and/or dongle. Email TheCrestAcademyInformation@E-ACT.org.uk or ring the school on 020 8452 4842 and tell us what your child needs. You will need to tell us their full name and year group. Someone will need to come to school to collect it, and sign a contract saying you will look after it. These items will need to be returned when your child returns to school.



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Free School Meals

If your child receives free school meals, you will receive a food hamper. We will send details of how to access this separately.

Lockdown Measures

I would like to draw your attention to the new lockdown measures that become law from tomorrow. You will all be aware of the great strain that the NHS is under and the risk that the new Covid variant presents, in particular to the most vulnerable. Please do spend time discussing the importance of following these new measures with your child(ren).

I trust the information set out above is helpful. Please feel free to contact school (TheCrestAcademyInformation@E-ACT.org.uk) if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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