

Our ref: ljm/KDV/Correspondence

18 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Changes to the Start of the Spring Term**

Dear Parents/Carers

As I referenced in my letter to you yesterday, the Government continue to be in the habit of making announcements that affect schools without giving any warning. You may have seen the news yesterday evening that Secondary Schools are only able to open to Year 11 and Year 13 students as well as for vulnerable students and the children of key workers in the first week after the Christmas Holiday.

While this is a very sensible move in terms of managing the number of cases following the relaxing of rules over Christmas, the timing of it is very poor. I wanted though to get in touch with you today so that you have as much time to plan childcare as possible. School will remain closed for all students on Monday 4 January 2021. School will reopen to Year 11 and Year 13 as normal at 08:30 on Tuesday 5 January and Year 11 and Year 13 students will have face to face lessons all week. Year 13 students will be able to stay on site during period 5 as well.

For Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 there will be live remote lessons in line with their normal timetable on Teams from Tuesday 5 January to Friday 8 January. Exams during that week will however go ahead as normal so students in Year 10 and 12 will need to attend school if they have an exam to sit. They should arrive 30 minutes before the exam begins and will be allowed off site once the exam is over. We will also be arranging some face to face revision sessions for students sitting exams in the first couple of weeks back so they are not disadvantaged. We will be in touch with the relevant parents and students about these sessions in due course.

The Connect Centre will remain open for face to face teaching for all students who require this provision. If you feel your child is vulnerable or you are a key worker and need your child to be in school, this provision will be available but will be delivered differently to last year. Students will not be able to interact and socialise as they were previously allowed to, as they need to remain in their bubbles ready for returning to normal lessons the week after. They will also not be able to attend normal lessons in person as the aim of closing schools is to minimise social contact. Students in school will still access the lessons on a laptop like all other students, but from a supervised room on site. If you would like to take up the offer of a place for vulnerable/key worker children provision then please can you email [kvernon@cityleicester.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:kvernon@cityleicester.leicester.sch.uk) at your earliest convenience. If your child has an EHCP and you have any questions please email [ncoton@cityleicester.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:ncoton@cityleicester.leicester.sch.uk).

School will reopen to all students on Monday 11 January at 08:30 unless before then we hear differently.

I would like to apologise for having to change our plans so soon after confirming with you the new term arrangements and I hope that I will not have to be in touch again before the new term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Vernon', enclosed within a faint, light-colored rectangular border.

**Mr K. Vernon**  
**Head Teacher**