



Ian Ramsey Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for your patience over the last few days. Following last night's broadcast from the Prime Minister, Mr Johnson, that schools will close for the vast majority of pupils as the country enters its third national lockdown, we can now share key information that will support you and your child/children over the coming weeks.

Children of Critical Workers

School remains open for vulnerable and children of [critical workers](#). Thank you to those parents who have already attached their critical worker evidence. If you have yet to complete this please go to our website and submit this as a matter of urgency.

We recognise that your child may not need to attend every day, as we have been instructed to work at home if at all possible, including our pupils. To safeguard your child, please inform us via attendance@ianramsey.org.uk if they will be working from home on any particular day.

All pupils

To support the effective delivery of lessons and to ensure they have adequate screen-time breaks the school day will be as follows:

09.00-10.00am	Lesson 1
10.00-10.15am	Break
10.15-11.15am	Lesson 2
11.15-12.15pm	Lesson 3
12.15-12.45pm	Lunch
12.45-1.45pm	Lesson 4
1.45-2.00pm	Break
2.00-3.00pm	Lesson 5

***Wednesday morning of each week, pupils will attend a compulsory Google Meet with their form tutor. This will take place 8.35-9.00am each week. The purpose will be to meet as a tutor group and support pupils' wellbeing.**

All pupils should follow their normal school timetable. This can be found on Edulink. Pupils will not be reminded daily of their timetabled lessons.

Google Meet lessons will involve approximately 30 minutes of live teacher input, followed by independent activities to complete. During this time teachers will still be available to answer questions/offer support via the chat function. Teachers will identify the key tasks which pupils will receive written feedback for, as well as providing verbal feedback during live lessons.



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Pupils attending school

Pupils should arrive at the **Community Entrance** from 8.20am, but no later than 8.35am each morning. Pupils will continue to follow our robust risk assessment, including social distancing, wearing masks and the use of hand sanitiser.

Pupils must wear their face masks at all times which now includes during lessons.

Pupils will remain in year group bubbles and will access their remote learning via Google Classrooms, in the same way as pupils at home will be. Pupils need to bring their own headphones, if possible.

Teachers will deliver lessons live through Google Meet, unless they are on duty in school and so will be unable to do so whilst supervising pupils. In which case, appropriate work will be uploaded on Google Classrooms for pupils to complete.

From Monday 11th January 2021, pupils will be required to bring their own packed lunch, including those in receipt of free school meals. The National Free School Meal Voucher Scheme has not yet been reactivated. Until this happens, payments will be made directly into parent/carers' bank accounts by the Academy.

Pupils working from home

All pupils should follow their normal school timetable, which can be found on Edulink. It is their responsibility to log into each lesson punctually. Staff will be recording pupils' attendance to lessons. If your child is not attending lessons, we will contact you to discuss this. Expectations of behaviour and standards for online learning can be found in the [Blended Learning](#) document, previously shared.

If pupils require the use of a Chromebook, please contact snowdenp@ianramsey.org.uk.

COVID-19 test

We intend to follow the DFE advice and offer **optional** weekly tests to all pupils and staff in school. Further information will follow.

We will be writing to Year 11 parents separately with information we currently have regarding GCSE examinations in response to the announcement.

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Janes

Head Teacher