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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you on day three of our new term to explain the plans we now have in place at Childwall Sports and Science Academy for Lockdown.

On Monday, the Prime Minister announced that the whole country was going into Lockdown with almost immediate effect due to the rapid spread of the new strain of COVID 19.

During his address, he acknowledged that children in schools have been responsible in part for the transmission of the virus to others and that the government now must request all learning goes online, and children work from home. I have set out some detail below to share what this will mean for our school community.

Learning at CSSA During Lockdown:

Firstly, I would like to confirm that children of Key Workers and those deemed vulnerable are welcome to attend school as normal and work within our strict COVID guidelines. Please notify reception if you would like to obtain a place for your child. What this will look like is listed below.

Plans for learning in school:

- Children of key workers and vulnerable learners will be in a year group bubble and will work in an IT room, on the same computer every day. They have been provided with headphones and the intention is that they log in to their live lesson with their usual teacher as per their normal timetable.
- They will be supported in this learning by staff working on a rota system managed by school leaders. A senior leader will be on duty each day.
- All students must wear full school uniform to school. PE kit can be worn if PE is on the timetable. (But they must keep warm please.)
- The school day will start at 8.45am for all students attending the school site. (*Please do not send your children into school too early, as we cannot staff supervision rooms before or after school in the current circumstances.)
- Students will enter at their key stage gate, where they will be registered, and lunch and breakfast orders will be noted if required.
- They will go to their IT room from 8.45am where a member of staff will sign post to my daily message and Mr Ward's morning challenge. (Emails will be sent out to all students from the start of next week.) Lessons will start at 9am.
- Other timings of the day remain the same.
- All students on site will leave school at 2.57pm, as per current arrangements.
- **Students in Year 11, 12, 13 that are due to sit exams** in the first 2 weeks of term, starting today. There is much speculation and uncertainty about these exams in the media.

Until clear advice on any changes or adaptations is shared, students at CSSA will sit these exams as normal. [They will have already been contacted by school staff in person to ensure arrangements and expectations are clear.](#)

- Any student in school must wear a mask when indoors unless they are exempt.

** I will write to year 11, year 12 and year 13 parents separately to confirm arrangements for the summer. However, I must emphasise that whatever announcements are made by the government over the next few days. Students due to sit exams in the summer must continue to work as hard as they can so that teachers have a wealth of evidence to share with exam boards as justification for any suggested grades.*

Plans for Learning at Home:

These plans are as previously stated. Students are expected to check their emails before 9 a.m. each morning, where they will see a daily challenge and my Headteacher message. They must then attend all live lessons on teams as per their normal school timetable. These lessons will be delivered by their normal subject teacher wherever possible. Our live lessons will be of the highest quality to ensure that your child is receiving the best education they can in the current circumstances.

SEND Learners will receive the usual adaptations and additional support for their learning, which will be coordinated by our SENDCO Mrs Wylie. e.wylie@childwallssa.com
Our IT technicians will support with the use of technology as best they can. Please let us know of any challenges as soon as they occur. However, I ask that you do this politely and within school hours only.

* Please note that **attendance** will be logged and reported to the Department for Education as usual. Communication regarding non-attendance will continue as normal. Students are expected to attend all 5 lessons and engage in the work set by their teachers. If your child is unwell, please contact school and notify our attendance officers.

Testing Students in School:

1. All key worker and vulnerable students that attend school are **strongly encouraged** to take regular COVID 19 tests on our site, starting from the week beginning 11/01/2021. [Please see the attached information and Consent Form that must be returned electronically or in person by Friday 8th January 2021.](#)
2. It is our expectation to test students on Monday and then again on Thursday next week and then on a weekly basis thereafter. (This is subject to change.)

Thank you for your support, patience and understanding in this matter. Most students have engaged in their learning so far, attendance has been good. Your commitment to maintaining a routine for learning will have great impact on your child's future. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Ms J E Vincent
Headteacher