

Mr Chris Thomas BSc
Headteacher

5th January 2021

Good afternoon,

Following on from the email that I sent last night I wanted to confirm arrangements for the students who will be in school and also clarify the position regarding remote learning.

Critical Workers and Vulnerable Children in school

School will operate from 9-3pm every day from Wednesday 6th January, for students in all year groups who are vulnerable or children of critical workers (only one parent needs to be a critical worker). The list of critical workers can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you wish to use this option, please phone reception or email office@lhea.org.uk to confirm, with a description of what your job is.

Remote Learning

With regards to remote learning, at the moment, there are no plans to offer online classes because there is such a wide range of internet accessibility and access to laptops or computers on which to stream the lessons is very limited in some households. In addition, some students only have access via pay-as-you-go phones. We are accessing more laptops which will be made available to those students who are most in need. Please do not request one at this point – the school will make contact with the relevant families.

Teaching staff have been given a very clear brief with regards to the quality and quantity of work that they should be setting. Since the previous lockdown, we have trained staff in the use of Microsoft Teams and this will mean that there will be an increase in the range of work set and also the support alongside that work – for example teachers are now producing PowerPoints with a narration which they record to explain the work in more detail.

All work will be set via Show My Homework in the first instance.

If you have any specific subject concerns regarding the nature of work being set, please contact the teacher directly or the Head of that department – email addresses are available on our website under the 'Contact' section.

I would also ask that you bear with the staff for these first few days. The constant and very late changes to the guidance that schools have received do not allow for any preparation time for teachers. Last night's



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announcement is a good example and many of the teachers have their own children now at home to look after as well as set and mark the work for LHEA students and so will need a little time to be fully operational.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Chris Thomas".

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