

Dear Parents and Carers,

31st December 2020

I hope that you have managed to enjoy the Christmas break and will continue to do so, despite the new restrictions, until we return to school on the 11th January. Thankfully, due to our holiday dates, our children will be less impacted by the changes to the start of term; however, we are now having to plan for the new guidance which takes effect from the 11th January. I am sorry to have to contact you during the school holidays, but the recent last-minute decision by the government means it is necessary.

Students in Year 11 will return to school on Monday 11th January. Buses will collect from the usual stops and times. Limited catering will be provided for students during this week.

Year 11 Child Care and Development students will spend Tuesday in preparation for their exam on Wednesday morning. This is an essential part of their course and must be attended.

We will also be open for vulnerable children and those children whose parents are recognised key workers, as we did in the original lockdown from March to July. Please send an email to admin@laonchilideschool.co.uk if you wish your child to attend during the week 11th - 15th January. These students will access the online provision being made available to their class/year group. I will need to know before Wednesday 6th January if you are eligible and wish to take up a place on this provision. School for these children will begin and end at the usual times.

At all times school uniform must be worn and the usual school rules will apply.

All other year groups will return on Monday 18th January.

During the week 11th - 15th January, lessons for Years 7-10 will be delivered remotely/online and your children will need to log onto their school email address to accept their invitation into the lesson. The timings for these lessons will be as follows (Week 1 timetable)

1. p1 9.25 – 9.55
2. p2 10.25 – 10.55
3. p3 11.45 – 12.15
4. p4 12.30 – 13.00
5. p5 14.30 – 15.00

If your child does not have access to a suitable device for home learning, please contact school via the admin email, as we do have spare laptops for student use. These would need to be collected on Monday 11th Jan from 8 am. These devices are limited and will be distributed on a need basis.

I will keep you fully informed of any developments with regards to the testing programme. Rest assured we will continue to make school as safe a place as we can for your children.

If there are any other changes in guidance from the Government, and their record to date suggests there could be, I will let you know immediately. Please have a terrific New Year and pray for a better year than the last one.

With regards,

Darren Reynolds : Headteacher