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Dear Parent/Guardian

Important Additional Information:

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Covid19 - JSTC plans for opening

I am sure that the current situation regarding the Covid19 pandemic remains of great concern to all families. As the country starts to make identified changes to the lockdown rules, we are as a school learning much about the local, national and scientific advice that will keep all in our community safe. With the announcement by the Prime Minister, followed by information releases from the Department for Education, as well as Lincolnshire County Council, we have as a school discussed in depth and detail our response to these.

As a result of safety concerns linked to infection rates, vulnerability of students and their families and staff, JSTC will not be opening until September. Before September I will be writing to you to explain the plans that will be in place for opening the school. Messages will be sent via Class Charts and the JSTC website.

However we are developing a system that enables virtual face to face teaching using JSTC staff so that students can access quality teaching and learning.

The focus at this stage will be Y10. We are currently developing plans for a programme of online lessons, guided learning and support sessions. Lessons will be delivered by JSTC specialist staff and will link to a Year 10 student's target grade. This structure will enable students to engage in real lessons, delivered via Microsoft Teams which can be accessed on either a PC or smart phone.

From information gathered by a recent survey, we know which students have no PC access and we will be able to address this problem soon for those identified students.

Further information and help to access Teams will be given as soon as plans are completed. Small groups of JSTC students have already used this virtual classroom platform and have found it very easy to use. This method will enable students to learn in as close a way to real school as possible. As a school we are excited by this development and want to reassure you that we will support families to ensure all have the necessary guidance to use it. Like many new technologies, they may feel daunting at first but rapidly become a feature of everyday life.



For our other year groups, you will still receive your work via Class Charts, support from your Progress Teams and other staff, and will be our next focus.

May I also take this opportunity to say that all in our school community and JSTC family send their best wishes to you. Our teaching and support staff are working hard to ensure our students have work to keep them learning and the site and all resources are in place and secure for a safe return in September.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter please contact either the relevant Progress Team or the main office both via dedicated emails (details on JSTC website).

Yours sincerely



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Important Note:

- ***Vulnerable children and those of key-workers to attend school as previously arranged where it is the safest and most appropriate option.***

Please contact the school with any queries.

- ***Year 10 student. Virtual lessons/tutorials (read the letter above for full details, with more information to follow soon).***
- ***Years 7 - 9. To continue their online home learning via Class Charts.***
- ***JSTC will not open to students on the 1st of June. Parents and carers will be notified of any changes in due course.***

