



La Retraite

Roman Catholic 11-19 Girls' School

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have managed to have a restful Christmas and managed to spend some time with your loved ones. As you will have seen in last night's message from the Prime Minister, we are once again in a national lockdown.

Therefore, school is now closed to all students except those who have an EHCP plan, those whose parents are Critical Workers or any student that falls into a group requiring support. Parents of students in the latter group will have been contacted by the school. If you are in one of those group, please contact schsec@laretraite.lambeth.sch.uk if you would like your child to attend. If there is someone at home who can look after your child, please keep them at home so as to minimise the spread of the virus.

Online learning and attendance

All other students should stay at home and follow the online timetable and resources provided for them. As best as possible students should therefore look to replicate their school day whilst at home. This means they must join their online classes on time so we can confirm their attendance. Please see Mr Dutton's earlier letter about the online learning timetable.

Teaching staff will not have the capacity to respond to parent emails as well as teaching live online and we would ask you to be considerate of that. Where there is an issue relating to learning please contact the Pastoral Support Manager and the message will be passed to the appropriate person to address the situation.

If your child is ill, isolating or has tested positive for Covid, please let us know via the attendance line or by calling reception.

Exam year groups

Although the government has announced that GCSE and A Level exams will not now take place in May and June, students in Years 11, 12 and 13 (as well as those in Year 10 taking an external exam) should be mindful that there will still need to be some mechanism for awarding them with qualifications and it is therefore, extremely important that they continue working to the best of their ability through the set work as if the exams were still going to take place. We will be writing to the parents of students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 whose external exams have been affected in a separate letter.



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Getting in touch

As the school will continue to run with a skeleton staff, the School Office, School Leaders, Learning Support Department and Safeguarding teams will continue to be contactable through the usual methods.

Needless to say, these are challenging times for us all but please be assured that we will do everything we can throughout this period to support you and your children to secure their ongoing education and well-being. We appreciate that you and your children may well be anxious about all of this and if this is causing you significant issues, please do get in touch. We will write again this week and on a regular basis throughout this time.

The children and you, their families are very much in our prayers here at La Retraite.

Kind regards,
Mrs L Thompson
Deputy Headteacher