

# Lincoln Castle Academy

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## **Autumn Term**

4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Following my letter to parents on 25<sup>th</sup> November, I write to provide a further update on Covid-19 related matters and to confirm the arrangements for the end of term.

### **Covid-19 Update**

Since my previous letter, I have been informed of 6 confirmed cases of Covid-19 amongst students. We have had no cases amongst LCA staff. In most of these cases, the child was already self-isolating and had not been attending the academy for several days, however close contact tracing as detailed in my previous letter took place, with students required to self-isolate as a result. In every case parents/carers were contacted via telephone and subsequently received a letter detailing requirements.

You may recall I liaised with our Local Health Protection Team regarding cases in Year 11 and as a result, the majority of Year 11 students were asked to remain at home as a precautionary measure, with some self-isolating. Providing individuals and members of their household are well and symptom free, all Year 11 students can return to the academy on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

To be clear, no other year groups have been asked to remain at home as a precautionary measure at this stage as this has not been necessary as each student case has been 'isolated'.

We continue to provide a 'blended' education, with some students learning from home, accessing lesson content through our online platform, ShowMyHomework. In addition, some Year 11 students have attended 'live' lessons from home, joining their class in school via a video link. We are working to adapt our approach so more students can benefit from 'live' lessons if appropriate. Unless unwell, students are expected to complete the work set in order to continue their education and avoid falling behind. Support for individuals can be accessed via the messaging tab on SMHW or via email.

In addition to those students directed to self-isolate by the academy, some students are self-isolating owing to family circumstances. I would like to thank families for quickly accessing tests and taking precautionary steps to prevent the spread of infection in our community.

### **Final day of Term**

Although we are unable to provide our usual Christmas dinner, as always, the final day of term will be an opportunity to enjoy some festive cheer; a range of activities are planned for all year groups. Students will also be asked to wear something festive and donate to our chosen charity (further information will follow).

School will close to all students at 12.30 on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December (transport information will follow), with students returning to the academy on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Thank you to all our LCA families for your perseverance, understanding and tremendous support this term.

Mrs Laming  
Headteacher