



Dear Parent

It is with deepest regret that I am having to inform you that, following the announcement made by the Government on Monday 4th January 2021, Clifton School will be closed from Tuesday 5th January 2021 and will not reopen on 18th January as planned. The spread of the new variant of COVID-19 has led to rapidly rising case numbers across the country. Accordingly, the government has made the decision to close schools to the vast majority of students.

It is our intention to continue providing provision for the children of critical workers and those requiring additional support, in line with government guidance. All of these students were identified over the Christmas break and their parents have been contacted.

It is very important to reiterate that children who do not fall into these groups should remain at home until further notice.

We will continue to provide remote learning provision for all students whilst they have been asked to remain at home. Students will follow their **normal school timetable**, attending online lessons with their subject teachers, at the same time they would take place in school. All students should log on to their lessons that will be taught via Google Meet following their normal timings of the day.

Form Time	Period 1	Period 2	Break 1	Period 3	Break 2	Period 4
8:45am – 9:00 am	9:00am - 10:20 am	10:20 am - 11:40 am	11:40 am - 12:10 pm	12:10 pm - 13:25 pm	13:25 pm - 13:55 pm	13:55 pm - 15:10 pm

A reminder that our remote learning code of conduct for all students is as follows:

- All students should ensure they are on time for their remote lesson.
- They must only take part in live lessons if the member of staff is present.
- They must ensure that their camera is turned off at all times unless directed by a member of staff.
- They should ensure they are dressed appropriately for learning.
- They should interact with their classmates and teachers as directed and do so appropriately. This means responding to questions when asked by the teacher.
- They should ensure they are working from an environment that is quiet and free from distractions.
- All students must ensure they never record any interactions during remote learning.
- All students must ensure they leave the lesson as soon as it has ended. This is to ensure the recording can be uploaded to Google Classroom promptly.
- They should continue to follow the school code of conduct in line with their on-site learning.
- All students are expected to follow their existing timetable. This means they will have form time and 4 lessons each day.

Live lessons on Google Meet can be accessed via mobile phones, tablets and computers. We have already identified a number of students who have no way of accessing live lessons via any of these methods and are providing support.

If you feel your child cannot access remote learning via any of the methods listed above and require additional support please contact info@cliftonschoo.org.

We ask parents to support the school by ensuring all students participate in their remote learning. Students have already missed a significant amount of on-site education and it is essential that we maintain good learning habits.

Their teachers will email live lesson links each morning and update Google Classroom with resources. We will continue to provide feedback and communicate with your child directly, either through Google platforms or via their school email address. If you wish to contact school, please note that the phone line (01709 515005) can be accessed between 7:30a.m and 6:00p.m. Alternatively, you can email info@cliftonschoo.org.

We hope you understand that the welfare of both our students and staff has to be our first priority and by taking early action, we will be able to return to 'business as usual' as soon as possible. Your continued support is much appreciated and the combination: home, school and student here at Clifton will prove to be unbeatable, even in these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

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