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5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Revised new term arrangements

I hope you have had a restful and safe Christmas holiday. As we move into 2021 with continued resilience, hope and faith that we can make it through anything, my wish for you is that your year will be filled with all that you want it to be, that your worries stay small and your dreams stay big.

Revised new term arrangements

Last night's announcement by the Education Minister means that our plans for all students returning to school this term will have to change.

The revised arrangements will mean that:

- The initial period of distance learning will be extended until **Friday 15th January**.
- School will be open to children in Year 7 and Year 8 of critical key workers who have contacted the school in the set timeframe to request support for childcare. Similarly, school will be open to pupils who have arranged support via Miss Jones, Head of Inclusion. Please contact Miss Jones directly if you have any questions. djones2@sjhs.newport.sch.uk
- Students who have scheduled public examinations and formal assessments during this time will still be able to travel to school to complete these and then depart. Mrs Morgan, Deputy Headteacher, will contact the relevant students affected by this during the next few days.

Distance learning

I fully appreciate that this decision to delay face to face learning will be upsetting. However, please be assured that we will do our best to continue to provide high quality learning experiences for your child through our online platform Google Classroom and live lessons through Microsoft Teams.

Later today, you will receive your child's live lesson timetable for Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th January. On Friday 8th January we will provide you with their timetable for the week beginning Monday 11th January.

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If, during the period of distance learning, your child is struggling in any way, please feel free to contact the respective Head of Year or Head of Key Stage as they will be able to answer or direct any queries as appropriate:

Head of Key Stage 3 ihumpage@sjhs.newport.sch.uk

Head of Year 7 ojames@sjhs.newport.sch.uk

Head of Year 8 swebster@sjhs.newport.sch.uk

Head of Year 9 eleyshon@sjhs.newport.sch.uk

Head of Key Stage 4 tnunn@sjhs.newport.sch.uk

Head of Year 10 icarter@sjhs.newport.sch.uk

Head of Year 11 yrichards@sjhs.newport.sch.uk

Head of Sixth Form jryan@sjhs.newport.sch.uk

Similarly, should you have any ICT issues, please do not hesitate to contact our network team techsupport@sjhs.newport.sch.uk

I recognise that these late changes are disruptive to your own lives and commitments. I am genuinely sorry for this and trust you understand these are out of the school's control. Be assured we will continue to communicate with you as soon as new information is shared with us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jarrett

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