



Parent Briefing: Friday 4th December

CONTACTING SCHOOL

covid19@ca.rklt.co.uk for Covid related matters, questions, or messages.

info@ca.rklt.co.uk for all other matters.

attendance@ca.rklt.co.uk OR **0113 5323810 option 0** (please contact us on the first day of absence before 8:30am detailing symptoms of illness)

COVID-19

Please can we ask parents to check and refresh equipment for students if required. As part of our risk assessment procedures we are not able to lend equipment to students. This provides a challenge if a child arrives in school without the basic equipment. Being fully equipped is part of reducing the risk of transmission within the school site. Please ensure that the key equipment (list available on the website) is brought every day.

A reminder that we must be notified of any child who goes for a Covid test, with a follow up once the outcome is known. This can be phoned into school or emailed to the covid19@ca.rklt.co.uk email.

You must not send your child to school if:

- a) they have symptoms;
- b) a parent/household member has symptoms;
- c) a parent/household member is going for a test;
- d) a parent/household member has been for a test and is waiting for a result.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

As seen today, as we move into the heart of Winter, the weather may begin to turn frosty, snowy and icy. A reminder that in the event of poor weather that impacts upon our opening, we will communicate any decision on a closure or delayed opening via the website and text message. We will also share this information with Leeds City Council who in turn will provide information to BBC Radio Leeds, Greatest Hits Radio Leeds and Pulse 1.



Our default position if the weather will cause disruption is to delay the start of school until 9.45 am in the first instance. We will communicate our decision to do this as soon as we can in the morning.

During the period of delayed opening, if it becomes clear that we will face significant challenges making the site safe for staff and students we may then decide to further delay opening until later in the morning or close for the day and focus on remote learning.

THE FORTNIGHT BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

We have several key events coming up in during the next fortnight:

Friday 18th December:

We will be **closing to students for the Christmas break after lesson 3 (12.10) on Friday 18th December**. Further details will be circulated in due course.

Celebration and rewards week - Celebration assemblies (in form groups) and rewards events occur next week.

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December - Christmas Dinner

 will be served.

We are also running our Christmas dinner rewards. Form tutors have nominated 3 students from their form for a golden ticket Christmas lunch. These will be held in the P16 common room.

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper day

 to support local food bank.

This is being organised by the House of Earth (Green) and involves all the Student Leadership Team and House Captains and deputies.

Students can wear a Christmas themed jumper instead of their blazer **in return for a food bank donation**. All other uniform, shirt, tie etc must still be worn and other jumpers are not allowed.



Students can drop off donations at student entrances on Friday morning when they come into school. All donations, however small, will be greatly appreciated. *(Note: The food bank has asked us to avoid Christmas themed items e.g. advent calendars)*



Final week assemblies: Assemblies in the last week will be Christmas themed each day.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Thank you to all Year 7 parents that helped make the first virtual Parents' Evenings a success. We have collected feedback and evaluations so that we can continue to learn about the new system and ensure that we provide the best experience possible for staff and parents during these times.

We also had our Parents' Evening for Year 12 students in partnership with Co-op Academy Priesthorpe this week which again was held remotely with a combination of video and phone conversations.

EXAMINATIONS SUMMER 2021: YEAR 11 AND 13

The government announced further details this week of how the Summer exam season will run. The changes announced are in addition to those previously confirmed, which included pushing the exam timetable back by three weeks, and greater optionality in GCSE English literature and GCSE history.

The new changes are:

- more generous grading, in line with the grades achieved in 2020. These will be averaged across subjects so that candidates are not disadvantaged by subject choice.
- exam aids in some subjects
- advanced notice of exam content in some subjects, details of which will be confirmed by the end of January

Contingency plans for students unable to sit exams

While hopes of a vaccine are promising, there may still be some students in June who cannot sit exams for Covid-related reasons. The 'Plan B' for any students unable to sit exams is as follows:

- Extended use of special consideration if a student is able to sit some, but not all, of their papers in a subject.
- A contingency series, running ten days after the end of the main summer series (i.e. 28 June – 16 July). This will likely consist of one combined contingency paper for each subject (rather than the full range of papers).
- If a student misses all their exams in both the summer series and contingency series, because of Covid, then they will – as a very last resort – be able to get a grade through a 'validated teacher assessment'. There are no details yet of what this would entail, and what evidence schools would need to provide. Details are expected in the new year.



For all of these contingencies, candidates would need to provide evidence that they could not attend exams because of Covid. Details of what evidence will be needed will be provided nearer the time.

YEAR 11: TRIAL EXAMINATIONS

Year 11 have now completed their Trial exams. We have been so impressed with how Year 11 have approached these examinations, especially after the difficulties of the last few months. This is the first time since Year 9 that students have had the chance to sit examinations in a formal setting and they conducted themselves superbly. They are currently being marked with the focus on providing students with their next steps in each subject.

GROUP PHOTO

This is occurring on Monday morning and so all Year 11 students must arrive to school earlier than usual (around 8.10am).

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

Resources for Parents - Careers and next steps

We are all aware of the impact of the pandemic on the jobs market in West Yorkshire, and it is likely that the ramifications of 2020 will last for several years. Many parents and carers don't feel equipped to help their children with next steps because the landscape has shifted so much. **Futuregoals** have designed a useful range of materials to provide you with the information needed to advise and guide your children.

Find out more today at <https://futuregoals.co.uk/parent-carer-resource/>

- There is a section on 'Careers roles outside the box' <https://futuregoals.co.uk/career-roles-outside-the-box/>
- An explanation about qualifications <https://futuregoals.co.uk/qualifications/>
- Jobs of the future <https://futuregoals.co.uk/jobs-of-the-future/>
- Identifying skills <https://futuregoals.co.uk/skills/>

In addition, all students have access to the Start Platform, which is a fantastic way to research Careers and pathways and allows students to build up a profile based on their likes and dislikes. We'd love to see parents and carers working through this with their children. Usernames for Start are the **old** e-mail address (firstname.surname@stu.crawshawacademy.org.uk) and passwords are Start123. If you are having any issues with any of these resources, please contact wearingj@ca.rklt.co.uk.



Year 11 Progression

Year 11 have had a range of support in making their applications for Post 16 providers. Careers appointments are underway, destinations interviews are ongoing and application help is occurring in CfL. One way in which they have been supported is with an e-mail listing all the virtual work experiences companies have put together - some of these opportunities are fantastic and will really help with personal statements for college and for UCAS. Please look at these with your child.

The full list can be found here, **and many are appropriate for younger years too:** <https://www.crawshawacademy.org.uk/About-Us/Post-16/>

POST 16

Applications for our Post 16 provision are now open with the link here (students should apply via their Crawshaw Office 365 login):

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xGL72LHrcE2snrs6Z-u4wQNfjNKXboxEjTJAf0ejeOtUNk5TVFhTVUk3VUc5WUg2T1ZFWUhYTEpHOC4u>

As we have previously informed you, we are developing our collaboration with the Luminate group ahead of our planned partnership in a new Pudsey Sixth Form College provision. We have had some very exciting and interesting conversations with our partners about the opportunities for enhancing and enriching the provision for our September 2021 intake into Year 12. Now the Trial exams have concluded, we will be talking to students explaining the benefits that our Post 16 provision has to offer.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Bradford City Football Club are holding a football camp on the 21st - 23rd December at Crawshaw. If you would like your child to participate, please see the flyer that is attached this week's briefing.

Yours sincerely,
Crawshaw Academy

COVID-19 PROCESSES and CONCERNS

You will be aware that we cannot accept any child into school who has any one of the symptoms of Covid-19. As a reminder, these symptoms are listed below. **If your child has one or**

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more of these symptoms, you MUST NOT send them into school and you must self-isolate as a household (see further below for more details).

You must also **not** send your child to school if:

- a parent/household member has symptoms;
- a parent/household member is going for a test;
- a parent/household member has been for a test and is waiting for a result.

For any absence you must contact school via phone: **0113 5323810 option 0** or email: attendance@ca.rklt.co.uk

Our school staff will be asking for the reason for absence and, in the case of symptoms that may relate to Covid, they will remind you of the need to self-isolate and **seek a test. Your child (and any siblings) will not be allowed to come back into school until you have received a NEGATIVE test result.** If the test is inconclusive then you must organise another test.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child develops symptoms at school, they will be sent home. A parent will be contacted and arrangements must be made for the child (and any siblings) to go home and the household to self-isolate.

Please note **that should a test come back as a POSITIVE outcome you MUST contact school ASAP.** This can be via the attendance number, attendance email or the Covid email address: covid19@ca.rklt.co.uk . If contacting via email please ensure you give full details including the child's name and form group along with any siblings who attend Crawshaw.

In the event of the report of a positive test result, there are set procedures and steps that we will take. The first of these is to contact the DfE / Public Health England. They will discuss the situation with us and decide on how to proceed; the specifics of this will depend on the nature of the situation. Parents will be informed, as appropriate, on any actions that may result in any student(s) requiring to be sent home to self-isolate. Should this be necessary we will provide more detailed guidance at the time.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Your child should also be tested for Covid 19 ideally



within the first five days of having symptoms, this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members must not go to work, school or public areas and exercise must be taken within the home.



Can my child go to school today?



Do they have any COVID Symptoms?

- a **high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a **new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
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Yes

They have a COVID symptom

Self Isolate and Book a COVID Test

Book the test online or call 119

All members of the household should stay at home until the test result is known.*

*Visit gov.uk for advice on when to stop isolating and return to school after a positive or negative test.

No

They do not have a COVID symptom

Do they have diarrhoea or vomiting?

No

They do not have diarrhoea or vomiting

Yes

They do have diarrhoea or vomiting

Do they feel unwell?

It is important that parents keep children at home when they are unwell

No

They do not feel unwell

Yes

They feel unwell

Send to school

So long as your child feels well, has not been told to self-isolate and there are no other household members with COVID symptoms, it is OK for them to attend school.

Keep at home

- Remain off school until they feel well enough to return. Seek medical help from a GP if needed (or 111 if your surgery is closed).
- Remain off school until at least 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. A COVID test is not required for diarrhoea and vomiting without the other symptoms above.