

Saturday 2nd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year!

I am writing following the Government announcements on 30th December about returning to school this term and the introduction of Covid-19 rapid-result testing for secondary school students. This letter outlines the plans for the first three weeks in January, as far as we know at this time. It also includes a link to a very important consent form for the testing.

Student return dates:

Monday 4th January: this is a planned staff training day

Tuesday 5th January am: this is planned staff training time

Tuesday 5th January pm – Friday 8th January: City Academy will remain closed for the majority of students and remote learning will be provided to all year groups

Year 10 mocks will be postponed, further details to follow.

The following groups of students will be invited in:

- Students whose parents/carers are categorised as critical workers and have requested to attend school to complete online learning, by emailing CABinfo@clf.uk with the information (For definitions of critical workers - see list at the end of this letter.)
- Students who have an EHCP or who are classed as vulnerable – if this applies to your child we will contact you directly
- Year 11 students who have public examinations – if this applies to your child we will contact you directly

During this week we hope to be in the position to complete the first of the two rapid flow tests for year 11 students. Please see details below.

Monday 11th January – Friday 15th January:

- Year 11 return to school
- All other year groups will have remote learning provided.
- Year 10 students taking public examinations will also be invited in.
- Students will be invited in at specific times to complete Covid-19 rapid-results tests.

Monday 18th January: all students return to school (staggered arrival times for Covid-19 testing – further information to follow)

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Remote learning:

Remote/online learning will begin from Period 5 on Tuesday 5th January.

Please note that students who attend school as child of critical worker parent/carer or vulnerable will also complete the same online learning as students learning remotely.

Please see the section on home learning at the end of this letter for login information.

Rapid-result testing:

As you may be aware the government has organised for schools to offer rapid-results testing for Covid 19. The tests will be used in two ways. Initially we will test all staff and students as they return from the Christmas holidays. This will allow us to minimise the rate of transmission for the virus as we return to school. Students whose parents do not consent will have to remain at home until we have successfully tested the remainder of the year group.

- All staff and students will be offered rapid-result tests for Covid-19
- This consists of two tests, completed three days apart
- Tests will only be administered if we have received consent
- Please click the link below and complete the consent form as soon as possible – by Wednesday 6th January
- [Link to consent form - click here](#)
- Year 11 will take place on or before Monday 11th January
- Years 7-10 tests will take place during week beginning Monday 11th January and on Monday 18th January
- Students taking the test will be supervised by trained staff
- The tests are quick and easy using a swab of your nose and throat
- Results will be ready in 30 minutes and you will be contacted only if your child tests positive.

We will contact you with further detail of the testing process during next week. Please see the frequently asked questions document attached.

This mass testing programme is part of the protective measures that schools are taking to help stop the spread of the virus and help staff and students remain in school safely. This testing is for those without coronavirus symptoms and is beginning across the country using new, quicker COVID-19 tests known as 'lateral flow tests'.

Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms. By testing we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our school open as safely as possible. The test is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to take it.

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If you are happy for your child to be tested, please complete the form at the link above.

Please ensure that your child does not attend school if they are poorly. If they, or any member of your family has one of the main Covid symptoms – a high temperature, a new persistent cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – they should not attend school, until the person with symptoms has had a test and it is negative.

Things to do:

- Email CABinfo@clf.uk if you are a key worker according to the definitions below and would like you child/ren to be in school from Wednesday 6th January indicating which days and times.
- Complete the consent form so that your child/ren can be tested for the Covid-19 virus on their return to school.

If you have any queries, please contact me via the school email address CABinfo@clf.uk

Thank you for your support and co-operation in these challenging times,

Best wishes



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Current Government definition of 'Critical Workers'

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below.

Health and social care

Doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, other frontline health and social care staff, those working in health and social care supply chain

Education and childcare

Childcare, support and teaching staff, social workers, specialist education professionals

Key public services

Justice system, religious staff, charity workers, those responsible for managing deceased, public service broadcasters

Local and national government

Administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of Covid-19 response and delivery of EU transition, essential public services

Food and other necessary goods

Those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery, and provision of other key goods e.g. hygiene, medicine

Public safety and national security

Police and police support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue service employees, National Crime Agency staff, border security, prison and probation staff

Transport and border

Those who keep air, water, road, rail passenger and freight transport modes and supply chains operational

Utilities, communication and financial services

Essential financial service staff, oil, gas, electricity, water sectors, IT and data sector and primary industry supplies to Covid-19 response, civil nuclear, chemical, telecoms staff, postal services and delivery, payment providers, waste disposal sectors.

For further information:

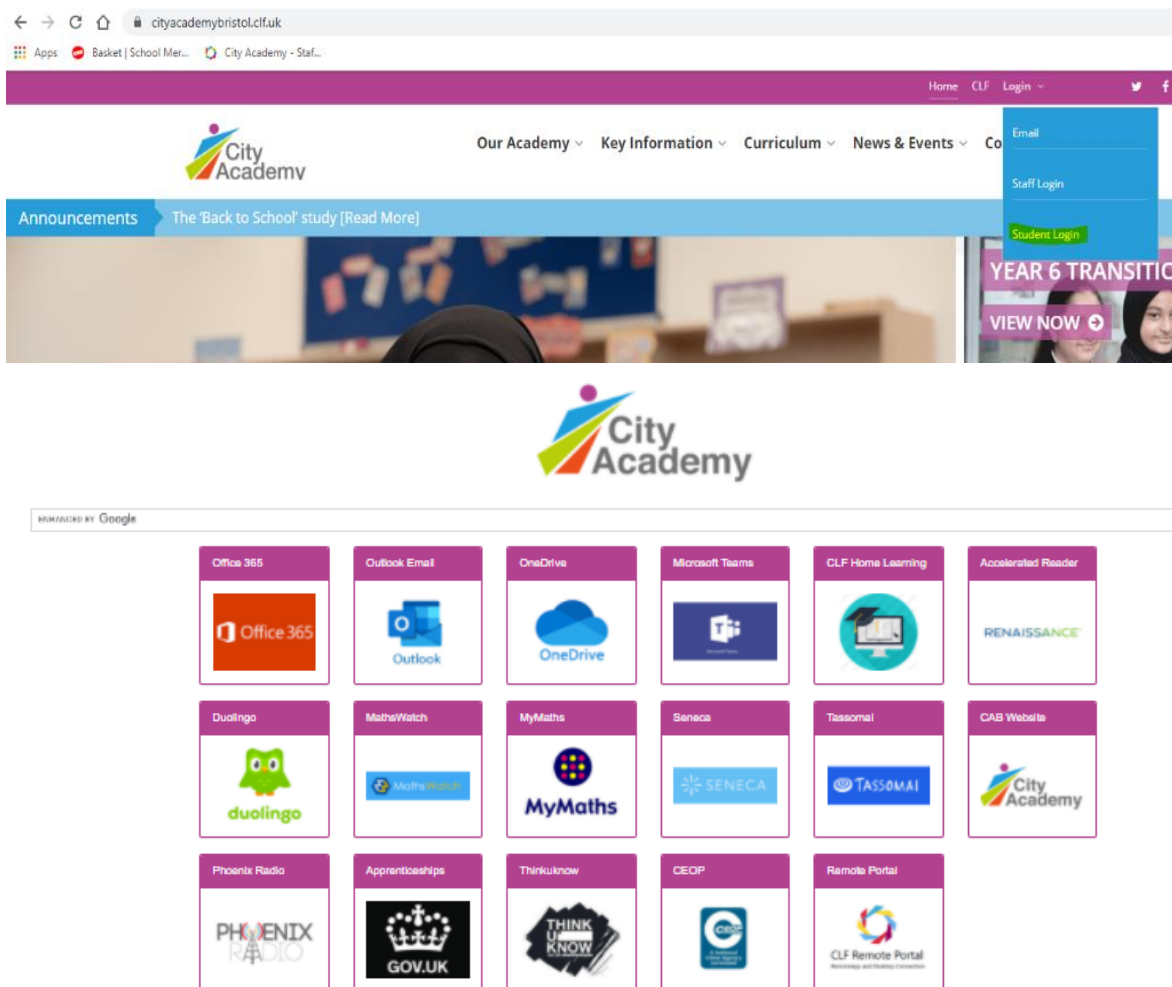
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Home Learning Information

Students will follow their usual school timetable to allow them to continue to study a well sequenced curriculum, however the lesson time will be reduced from 55 minutes a session to 40 minutes a session to allow students a break from the screens. Sessions will begin at their usual scheduled time. Students will need to access their Microsoft Teams account from their student navigator, which all pupils will be familiar with. Students can access this from their Student Login page on our website <https://cityacademybristol.clf.uk/>, as highlighted below. If you are having issues with a password for the student navigator page, then please email forgottenpassword@cab.clf.uk, where one of our IT team will assist you.

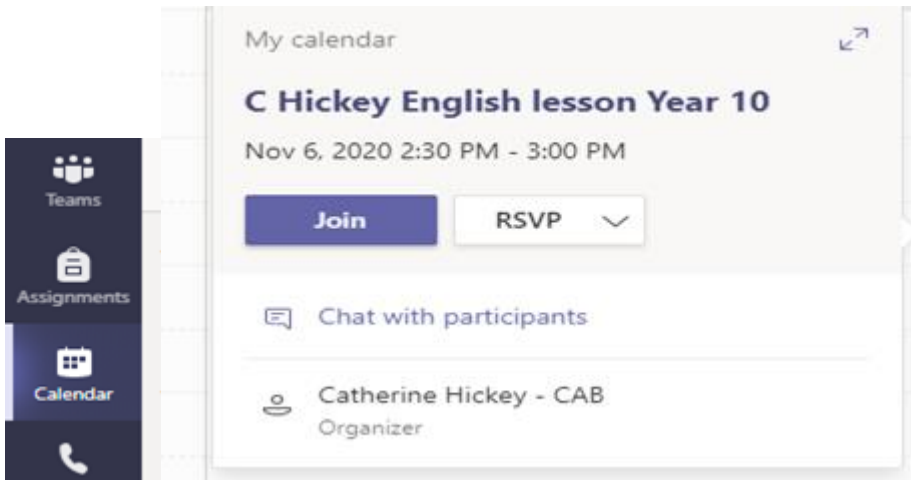


The screenshot shows the City Academy website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'CLF', and 'Login' options. Below this is a main menu with 'Our Academy', 'Key Information', 'Curriculum', and 'News & Events'. A 'Student Login' button is highlighted in green. The main content area features an 'Announcements' section with a link to 'The 'Back to School' study [Read More]'. Below this is a large banner image with the text 'YEAR 6 TRANSITION VIEW NOW'. A search bar is visible at the bottom left. The bottom section of the page displays a grid of application shortcuts, including Office 365, Outlook, OneDrive, Microsoft Teams, CLF Home Learning, Accelerated Reader, Duolingo, MathsWatch, MyMaths, Seneca, Tassomai, CAB WebSite, Phoenix Radio, Apprenticeships, Thinkknow, CEOP, and Remote Portal.

Once students have logged in to their accounts, they should click on the calendar icon as below. Their teachers will have invited them to their lesson. They should hover the mouse over the lesson, then click 'Join.' Their lesson will then begin.

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The resources for any of the lessons delivered will be uploaded to the CLF Home Learning for further reflection after the lesson has finished. The Home Learning site can also be accessed from the student navigator, as outlined above.

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