

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Last night the Prime Minister announced that the UK's coronavirus alert level has increased due to the speed with which the new variant of the virus is spreading and is now at five, the highest level, which means that there is a risk of healthcare services being overwhelmed. A new **national lockdown** will be in place from 6th January. The Government instruction is to stay at home, with extreme measures enforced by law, while vaccines are rolled out.

From tomorrow, Wednesday 6th January, City Academy will be open **only for the children of critical workers** and those classed as **vulnerable** to attend on site. If you are a critical worker and would like to request for your child to attend school to complete online learning, please email CABinfo@clf.uk with the information (For definitions of critical workers - see list at the end of this letter.)

We have contacted parents/carers of students who have an EHCP or who are classed as vulnerable.

We will provide remote learning to be completed at home for all other students.

Remote learning:

Remote/online learning is running for all students. 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.

Free School Meals:

We are waiting for some clarity from the Government about how the provision for students entitled to free school meals will run. We will be in touch with families of students entitled to free school meals as soon as possible with information.

Year 11 students:

We had expected that Year 11 students would be able to return to school from Monday 11 January. This is no longer possible: remote learning will continue to be provided and monitored. This evening's announcement the Prime Minister announced that the public examination series will not go ahead in their current form. There will be an assembly for Year 11 at 8.40am on Wednesday 6th January via Teams.

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Principal's Update for Parents

I will be holding an online Zoom meeting that all parents are welcome to join to give you an update and opportunity to ask questions. This will take place on Thursday 7th January at 5pm.

To join the Zoom meeting please click the following link on Thursday 7th January at 5pm:
<https://zoom.us/j/93118248106?pwd=S25HdVNSWWlvVTNWaHY2YzRxOUVzd09>

Meeting ID: 931 1824 8106
Passcode: KYTw2m

Rollout of mass rapid results testing:

The planned rollout of mass testing in Secondary schools for asymptomatic cases of the coronavirus will be paused at this time.

However, we would like to continue with tests of staff and those children who are attending school as students of critical workers and those classed as vulnerable.

If you have not already completed the consent form, and would like your child to be tested, please click this link [Link to consent form - click here](#)

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.

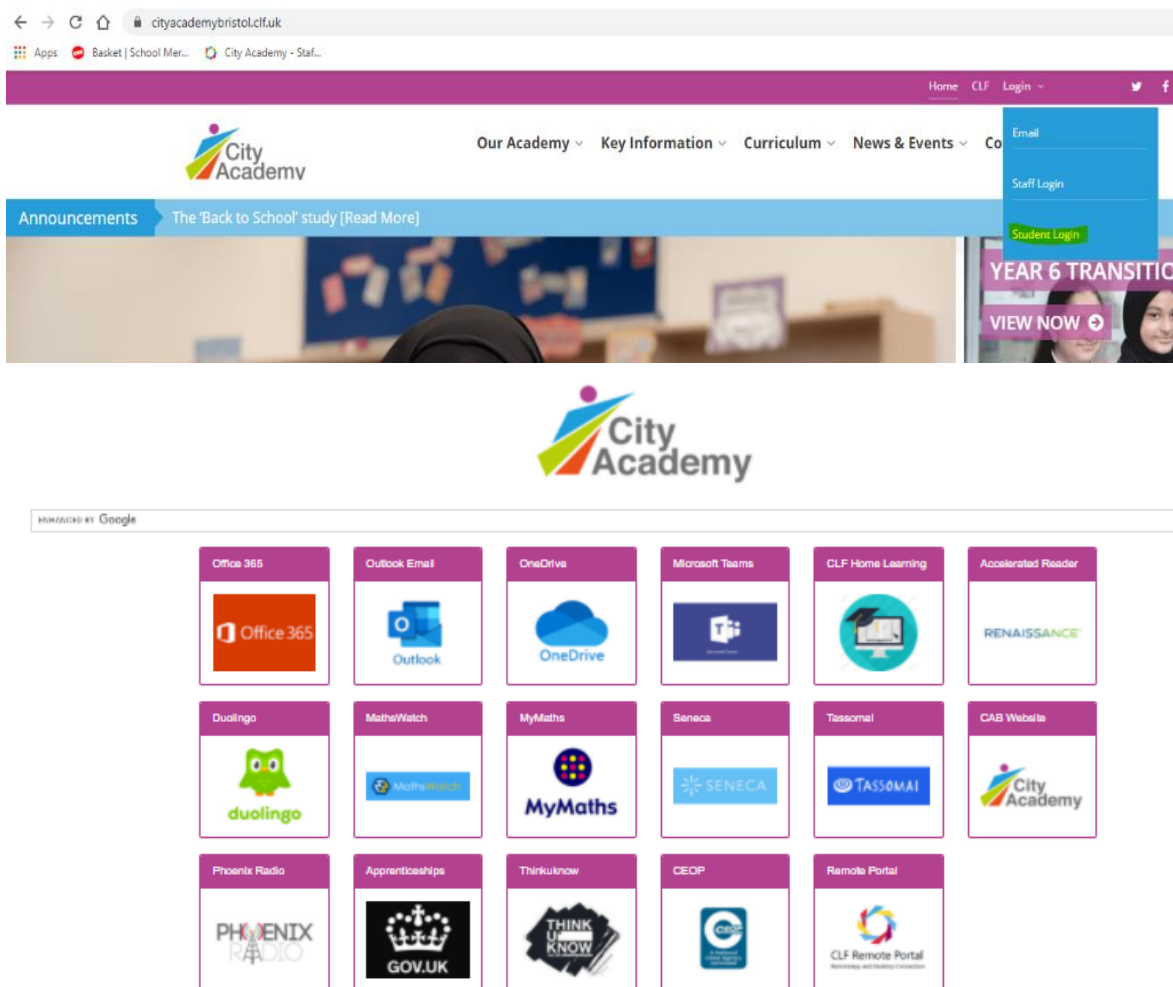
For further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

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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.

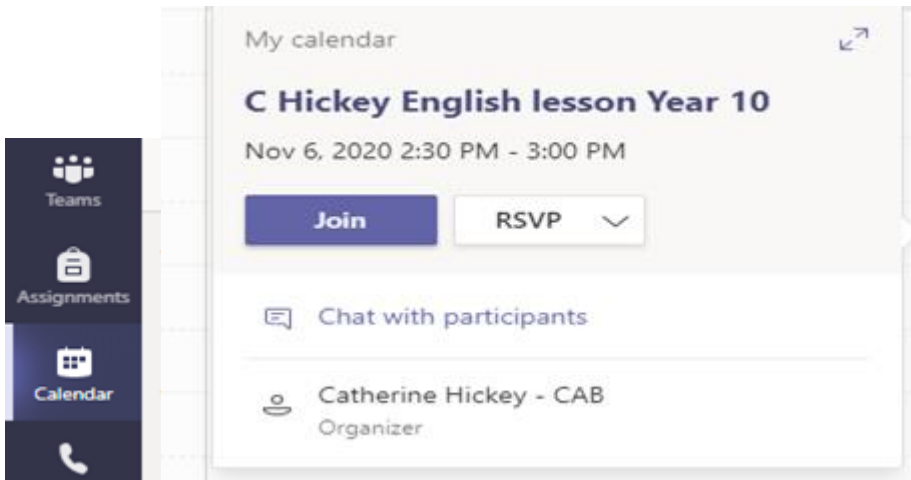


The screenshot shows the City Academy website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'CLF', and 'Login' options. Below this is a main menu with 'Our Academy', 'Key Information', 'Curriculum', and 'News & Events'. A 'Student Login' button is highlighted in green in the top right corner. The main content area features an announcement about 'The 'Back to School' study' and a 'YEAR 6 TRANSITION' banner with a 'VIEW NOW' button. Below the main content is 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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