



4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

I write to detail arrangements following the announcement this evening from the Prime Minister.

## ATTENDANCE

Children of critical workers and vulnerable children can continue to attend school. All other students will learn remotely until after February half term. Feedback from today has been very positive, with very high attendance and engagement in online lessons, and we are confident we will be able to ensure students can continue to progress with their learning.

In order to manage our rota of supervising staff, it is essential we be informed the day before each day your child attends. Please email Miss Margree-Coverly [jma@sjp.essex.sch.uk](mailto:jma@sjp.essex.sch.uk) and their Head of Year.

## PUBLIC & PRACTICE EXAMINATIONS

We hope to confirm in the morning whether the public examinations in Year 11 Number & Measure and Year 13 L3 BTEC Business due to be sat in the coming days will go ahead. The practice examinations for Year 13 students will be postponed, and we will soon communicate Year 11 students' achievements in their recent practice exams, also detailing the means by which we will implement required support.

**It was announced that it will not be possible for all summer 2021 public examinations to go ahead. The DfE & Ofqual will devise alternative arrangements. We will in due course confirm how we will ensure any centre assessed grades we are required to submit are invested with the required integrity, whilst recognising students' efforts and best supporting them to realise their potential.**

**It is therefore essential that students continue to engage fully with online lessons and approach all assessment in a mature and responsible manner that will support their progress.**

## TESTING PROGRAMME

Schools are still required to prepare to administer tests. Previously shared information remains unchanged, and we will share further information as circumstances require. In the meantime, please continue to access tests via local centres if your child displays symptoms or if you are worried. We will encourage that they be tested prior to their return once dates are confirmed.

We are aware this news will cause many students and parents considerable anxiety, disappointment and distress, and we wish you to know that we are always here to support you. Thank you for your continued understanding. We continue to hold the whole St John Payne community in our prayers.

Yours sincerely

Mr T. Coen

Headteacher

