



Week Gone/Week Ahead - 6th November 2020 Centre Academy London

Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff,

It has been great to welcome back the students after our half term and I know that the break was welcomed by all.

In this week's newsletter it is important that I address potential changes that Centre Academy may make as a result of the new national lockdown that has been announced. As you will all be aware, COVID-19 cases are rising and the lockdown is needed to ensure that the virus is once again brought under control. CAL's aim – as always – is to firstly ensure, as far as possible, the safety of students, staff and families. Our secondary aim is to enable students to continue their education uninterrupted and for this education to be from the School building wherever possible. We are therefore planning as many contingencies as possible to balance these aims against the backdrop of rising COVID-19 numbers, which will – by definition – see more staff and students needing to self-isolate or shield and more schools needing to close due to infection rates. We are grateful for the support you have all shown over the past months and know that together we can meet both of our aims.

Many of the processes we put in place at the beginning of the academic year were over and above those that were required by the guidance at the time and so most on-site procedures will remain the same. Students and staff who are not exempt were already required to wear facemasks in corridors and when moving around the building, this will be ongoing. Please do ensure that masks are cleaned or replaced regularly and that you also reinforce the need for these to be worn when talking to your child. We will also extend our non-uniform policy until at least January 18th 2021. We will review this at the start of the Spring Term. We continue to keep doors and windows open to increase ventilation, so please ensure that warm layers are worn or brought every day as classrooms may be cooler than usual as a result of this.

We are now in the process of considering other options that would reduce the number of contact points for students and staff, these are outlined below. These ideas are in the initial planning phase and so, should there be any questions, concerns or comments please call me at the start of next week so your views can factor into our plans.

We recognise that it is important for students to learn onsite; however, we know that even with well-developed in-school plans, this does increase the exposure to both students and staff – especially when travelling to and from the building. We also recognise that staff and older students are potentially more vulnerable than our younger students. We are therefore considering shortening the school week for some classes in order to reduce the number of

Upcoming Dates

Friday 11th December:
End of Term

days that students and staff need to travel. On the days that a class is not in School, our Learning from Home programme would be implemented so as to provide structure and work for students.

Specifically, we are considering the following changes:

- Gambetta and Parmentier classes coming into School 4-days a week with 1-day Learning from Home.
- Laumiere and Republique classes coming into School 3-days a week with 2-days Learning from Home.
- HSD would remain attending 4-days a week with 1-day Learning from Home.
- Middle School would remain attending 5-days a week.

These changes, should they be implemented, will not be brought into force until Monday 16th November - final decision about plans will be made next week and parents and carers will be updated at that point.

Should any students be deemed as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable, please do call the school so that we can discuss options to enable them to shield over the next month. Likewise, if any parents or carers are concerned about their child attending an on-site provision during the lockdown, please call to speak to me. We have several options for student support and can develop an interim programme that works for individual family groups.

I would like to wish you all a safe and relaxing weekend,
Miss Maddison

Win a Playstation 5!

Tickets for the raffle can next be bought by students between Monday 16th November and Thursday 19th November and the draw will take place on Friday 20th November.

The students in the Tuileries are continuing to ask for help filling boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Things that are needed:

Shoe Boxes, Toys, Hygiene Items, School Supplies, Outer Clothing Items