



GUISELEY SCHOOL

2 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have enjoyed a restful Christmas and New Year. Following further announcements from the Government over the break, this email will outline the return to school arrangements for the new term.

Start of term Training day – 4th January

As we clarified before Christmas, we will be taking up the government offer to run an additional Training Day on **Monday 4th January**. This will give teachers the time to prepare for remote learning procedures and organise provision in school for our vulnerable students and the children of critical workers. We will also be using the time to prepare to deliver testing in school for students and staff.

Remote learning from Tuesday 5th January

The staggered start to the term has been revised by the DFE. All students will receive remote education from Tuesday 5th January.

Students in Years 11 and 13 will continue to receive remote education until the end of Friday 8th January and will return to face to face education on Monday 11th January. Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will continue to receive remote education until the end of Friday 15th January and will return to face to face education on Monday 18th January.

Vocational exams that are scheduled for the first two weeks of term will go ahead as planned. Students affected will receive communication from the school on Monday 4th outlining the attendance process and the preparation sessions we will be putting in place.

Students whose parents are critical workers

Students whose parents are critical workers and vulnerable students will still be able to attend school and will be supervised as they complete the remote learning that all other students are completing at home. **Any child who attends school must do so on a full-time basis, unless they are ill. School will not be able to accommodate requests for students to attend part time.**

If you are a parent or carer of a vulnerable student, you will be contacted directly on Monday 4th January by school to confirm your child's place.

If you are a critical worker and you want your child(ren) to attend from Tuesday 5th January please complete this [form](#) before midday on Monday 4th January. One form must be completed for each child attending school.

If you are unsure if you are a critical worker or if your child is classed as 'vulnerable' please click on the link below for the full government guidance:

<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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Remote Learning Procedures

From Tuesday 5th January 2021 Tutors will also check in with students in all years 7-11 between 8.30am and 8.50am **every day**. Remote education will be delivered via Teams in line with students' timetables. Teaching staff will upload the work to be completed along with the instructions, materials or explanatory videos at the start of each lesson.

There will also be a timetable of 'live' lessons in each year group. We will publish the timetable for these lessons on Monday 4th January. For live lessons, students will receive an invite to Teams in advance of the lesson. In most instances, teaching staff will be contactable via teams to offer support during the lesson. Students will also be able to contact teaching staff via teams for support when completing the set work outside of their normal timetable.

Please note, live lessons will not necessarily be for the full period; sometimes, the live element/s will be the introduction of new content, more detailed explanations, modelling by the teacher or giving feedback, with students at other points in the lesson working independently on set learning tasks. During the lesson, the Teams channel can be used for students to ask questions and for teachers to deliver live support.

If you feel that your child/ren will be unable to access Microsoft Teams at their set registration and lesson times, please contact school on info@guiseleyschool.org.uk to discuss arrangements further.

COVID -19 Testing Programme

The government has revised the staggered start for students from what was published just before the Christmas holidays to "allow more time so that every school and college is able to fully roll out mass testing of all staff and students". The expectation is that in the week commencing 4th January schools "will prepare to test as many staff and students as possible" and that the following week, testing "will begin in earnest", prioritising staff, students on site and exam cohorts.

We remain committed to doing what we can to support the safety of our students, families and staff and to keeping our school open. However, our initial assessment of the testing programme and associated resources for schools is that it is going to be very challenging to deliver a testing programme on the scale suggested and within the timescale outlined. We will continue to engage with the testing programme, training and support and will update parents and carers as soon as we are able.

I wish you all a very happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Clayton
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