



St. George's School

A Church of England Academy

'Our vision is to be outstanding through the provision of consistent academic excellence within a caring, Christian community'
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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your families enjoyed a happy and peaceful Christmas and are safe and well.

Following the Government briefings yesterday, we are now in a position to outline the arrangements for the Spring Term. As you are aware, it is the Government's intention to stagger the return of pupils to school and to introduce a programme of additional Covid-19 testing for pupils and staff in secondary schools. I share your frustration that we will not be able to have most of our pupils return to school next week, and also the lateness of the announcement by the Department for Education.

We are due to receive the tests and further guidance on 4th January 2021. The DfE have said that schools should identify planning time or 'logistics' days where pupils are not in school to ensure the safe implementation of the tests. We have identified Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th January 2021 as the planning days.

I will write further next week to outline the arrangements for conducting the tests at St George's, but would like to summarise what we know so far:

The Staggered Return to School

Monday 4 th January & Tuesday 5 th January	'Logistics Days' – school closed to all pupils
From Wed 6 th January	School open to children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils
From Mon 11 th January	Year 11 return to school at normal time
From Mon 18 th January	All other pupils return to school

From Wednesday 6th January, remote learning will be arranged through google classroom. Please note that pupils will be expected to be online and engaged in their learning throughout; we will stress to them that they should not see this week as an extension of the holidays. As such, work will be set in line with the current curriculum. Our subject leaders will be ensuring the high quality of remote learning provided. We will be contacting the parents who have completed the google form to inform us that your child has no device for learning to discuss alternative ways to study.

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Year 10 and 11 exams in the first two weeks

The Government has stated that these vocational exams will go ahead as normal. We are awaiting

further guidance from the Government if we are permitted to bring in pupils taking exams for booster revision classes. We will update parents on Monday when we have had further clarification.

Children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils

Pupils in Years 7-10, whose parents are 'critical workers' or are classed as 'vulnerable' ([guidance](#)) may attend school from Wednesday 6th January 2021. If these criteria apply, and you have not already filled in the google form then please do so on the link by 1pm on the 1st January 2021.

<https://forms.gle/pKjFC3LYDAF5FrZT6>

Such pupils will need to come to school in full school uniform as normal with books/equipment and a suitable device. They will be engaged in the online learning being provided for other pupils but accessing it here in school under supervision. Each year group will follow the routines and timings established during the Autumn Term. Further information about catering will be sent to parents who opt for this provision.

You will have many unanswered questions at this stage. In the meantime, if you have any questions or observations please email stgenquiries@cidari.co.uk. We may not be able to answer the questions individually if they are to be included in my next letter – apologies for this – but your observations and questions will help me to make sure you get all the information you need.

I am conscious of the high degree of uncertainty and that significant national/regional changes could take place in the coming days and weeks. What I can be certain of, is that we will do all we can to keep your children safe, happy and learning.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

G Warnock

Mr G Warnock
Headteacher