

31 December 2020

Dear Parents

You will be aware that the government announced yesterday that there will be a delayed return to secondary school in January. In accordance with government guidance, I would like to share the new arrangements for the start of term.

Monday 4th January

Students in all year groups will **not** return to school in person on Monday 4th January and they will access lessons remotely from home. We know that all students now have access to a digital device and they will be expected to join all of their usual timetabled lessons every day. Please can I ask for your support in ensuring that your child is up and ready in good time to join lessons.

Monday 11th January – Year 11

Year 11 students will return to school in person at the usual start time of 8.35am (Breakfast available from 8am). The school day will run as normal for Year 11 students from this date and they will attend their usual timetabled lessons every day in school.

Monday 11th January – Friday 15th January - Years 7-10

Students in Years 7–10 will **not** return to school in person on Monday 11th January and they will continue to access lessons remotely from home until Friday 15th January.

Monday 18th January

Students in all year groups attend school in person from this date. Years 7-10 will return to school at their usual start time.

Vulnerable children/Children of key workers

If your child is eligible to attend school from Monday 4th January (vulnerable children and children of critical workers), they should arrive on Monday 4th January at their normal start time. Your child's Year Leader will confirm their eligibility to be in school. For clarification, vulnerable children are classed as follows:

- Children with a social worker
- Looked After Children
- Children with an EHCP

If you are unsure whether your child is classed as vulnerable, please contact your child's Year Leader to discuss.

If you are classed as a key worker, I would ask you to confirm this by contacting your child's Year Leader with proof of eligibility (e.g. photo of ID badge) as soon as possible.

Finally, please can I remind you that your child should stay at home and you should seek a test if they have COVID symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If you are unsure whether your child has COVID symptoms or is otherwise unwell, please contact us to discuss this prior to sending them into school.

We will contact you again early next week regarding the recently announced testing arrangements in school.

Please stay safe. I wish you a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully



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