

31st December 2020



Dear Parents / Carers,

As you will be aware from government announcements, there have been some changes to the opening to Secondary schools in January. At present this guidance is as follows, however we will continue to update you as we receive further information. Apologies, to those parents/carers who have requested further information last night and this morning, however, please be aware that schools received no advance indication of the content of the press conference yesterday and members of the school team have met throughout day to plan the new phased return.

Monday 4th January INSET Day	As planned NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL or remote learning.
Tuesday 5th January – Friday 8th January	<p><u>Students in Years 11, 12 & 13</u> – students are to access remote sessions from home via Microsoft Teams. Students will be contacted directly with further information from their individual subject teachers/leaders.</p> <p><u>Students in Year 12 & 13 who have scheduled external exams</u> – these WILL still take place and students should attend school as per the timetable previously issued.</p> <p><u>Students in Year 7, 8, 9 & 10</u> – Students will be set work via Microsoft Teams.</p> <p><u>Students whose parents are Critical Workers</u> - Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response Critical Worker definition– further information will be sent directly to those registered however normal timings of the day and school rules and uniform expectations will be in place.</p> <p>To register your child as a critical worker please complete the form through this link by 12pm on Monday 4th January https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CriticalworkerchildrenJan21</p>
Week commencing Monday 11th January	<p><u>Students in Years 11 & 13</u> to return to school. Year 13 should attend school as per the examination timetable previously issued.</p> <p><u>Students whose parents are Critical Workers</u> - Normal timings of the school day will be in place and an appropriate curriculum offer will be followed (ie. normal school rules and expectations are in place including uniform). Students will be able to access online learning, as those who will be working from home, via an IT classroom in school.</p> <p><u>Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12</u> to access remote learning from home via Microsoft Teams. Please ensure your child knows their password and login details as colleagues will be monitoring student's engagement throughout this week. Students will be registering and there will be live interactive elements to lessons. Microsoft Teams is available via laptops, tablet and mobile phone devices. Please see the information below if you require access to IT support or equipment.</p>
Week commencing Monday 18th January	All students return to school.

Year 13 Centre Assessed Exams - week commencing Monday 11th January

Scheduled to take place from Monday 11th January. **These Centre Assessments will take place as planned.** Students will have access to support via interactive lessons from Tuesday 5th January via remote sessions, rather than in school. All students and parents were provided with an examination timetable before Christmas. Please ensure all students attend school for their Centre Assessments as planned.

Year 12 Centre Assessed Exams - week commencing Monday 11th January.

Scheduled to take place within class from Monday 11th January. This is to be reviewed under present circumstances but we advise that all students should continue to work towards these Centre Assessed Exams as alternative arrangements are being considered. Further information will follow.

Coronavirus Testing

As you will imagine, the logistics of mass testing in school is complex and plans are currently being reviewed. At present we are still awaiting full guidance about how the scheme will operate and again we will update you as soon as we have this information.

Loan Laptops

We have a small number of loan laptops still available to support learning from home. Loan laptops will be prioritised initially to those students who are entitled to free school meals. If your child does not have access to technology to access Microsoft Teams, please let us know by completing a request on the [link on our school website](#).

Loan laptops will be available for collection from the school reception on Monday 4th January 2021. If you have not yet registered for free school meals, you can do so by following this link [Free School Meals info and Application](#).

I would once again like to thank you for your emails of appreciation we have received at the end of term. They mean so much to all staff, particularly during this time.

May I wish you all the best and every happiness for 2021.

With kind regards

K Simpson
Headteacher