



21 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the most recent announcement from the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, all secondary schools in England have been instructed to implement a **staggered return to on-site learning** at the beginning of next term and to make the necessary preparations to deliver a Covid testing programme for staff and students. In line with this, please see the details below for all Nova secondary schools and colleges, to support your planning for the new term:

- **Monday, 4th January 2021**

This will be an INSET day for ALL students. This is an additional logistical planning day to prepare to deliver the COVID testing programme. There will be **no on-site or remote learning provision** that day.

- **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Exam year groups; Y11 & 13, vulnerable children and children of key workers will return to on-site provision and will be prioritised for testing as soon as the programme is established. You must register the need for your child to be in school by using the link on the homepage of the school website by 9am, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. **Please note this should only be used if both parents/carers are key workers and have no alternative childcare arrangements in place.** It is expected that ALL Y11 & 13 students are to attend school from the 5th January 2021 and there is no need to register these.

**Remote education** will be provided for all other year groups (**Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y12**) during the first week of term, before a full return to school from 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021. As in the autumn term, our remote provision will be delivered via MS Teams and email. We will aim to live stream as many lessons as possible via MS Teams, as per your child's usual timetable. We strongly recommend students adhere to the timings of their normal school timetable, including breaks and lunchtimes. All students are now fully conversant in how to access and use our remote provision, however a guide will remain on the website for your reference.

**Vocational examinations.** These **will** go ahead as planned during the second week of term; revision sessions during the first week will be delivered via Teams. Details will be sent to all relevant students via Teams and email about these sessions.

**Testing arrangements.** We will provide you with the details of any testing arrangements once we have received specific guidance from the government and prepared our on-site test provision.

Thank you for your unrelenting support in what continues to be unprecedented times. Best wishes for a safe and restful Christmas.

Yours faithfully

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