



Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you again following the update from the Education Secretary on the 30<sup>th</sup> December regarding the staggered return to on-site learning; the government have changed their plans once again.

The rise in Covid cases and our subsequent move to Tier 4, combined with the extensive work required to establish appropriate testing facilities in schools, has led to a delay in the staggered start previously shared with you. Please see our revised plans below:

- **Monday, 4 January 2021**

This remains an INSET day. There **will be NO** on-site or remote learning provision that day.

- **Exam year groups (Y11 & 13)**

Students **will not return** to on-site learning on 5th January as previously stated but will follow their normal timetables remotely from 5 January until their return to site on 11th January 2021. This remote provision will be delivered **via MS teams** and we will aim to live stream as many lessons as possible during this time.

- **Vocational examinations (Sport and Business)**

Exams scheduled during the first fortnight of the new term **will go ahead** and vocational exam groups (**Yrs 10 & 11**) will attend their final preparation sessions as planned. Students will be sent a reminder of their sessions directly to their school email addresses and we thank you in advance for supporting their attendance in preparation for these vital external examinations. Teaching rooms and examinations venues will meet Covid secure expectations and our usual Covid protocols will be followed.

- **Registered vulnerable children**

These children will return to on- site provision on **5th January**. Our Pastoral Team will contact the families of vulnerable children directly, on 4th January.

- **Children of key workers**

These students will return to on- site provision on Tuesday 5th January. **Please note if both parents/carers are key workers and have no alternative childcare arrangements in place, you must register the need for your child to be in school by using the link below by 9am, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

To register your child to attend from 5th January please [click here](#) or follow the link on the front page of the school's website



**Remote education** will be delivered via MS Teams for all year groups up until they return to school as scheduled. For Y11 & Y13 this is until 11<sup>th</sup> January and for Years 7,8,9,10 & 12 this will be up until 18<sup>th</sup> January when we anticipate a return to school for all pupils.

I will be sending you a further letter that will give you more information about the Covid19 testing in school and to ask you to complete an online consent form for your children to participate in serial testing. Your promptness with this greatly helps our administration and preparation.

I will continue to keep you updated as plans and guidance develop further.

Best wishes for a safe and more certain 2021

Yours faithfully

Mr J Smith  
Head of School