

31 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: New dates for staggered return to school following the government release yesterday (30th December 2020)

I am sure you have heard by now there are further changes to the return to school in January for Secondary School pupils. The update was given by Gavin Williamson therefore the plans detailed in my letter before Christmas have changed slightly.

The updated details for the first week back in January are below:

Monday 4th January 2021

- This will remain a Training Day as originally calendared.
- For those who are classed as Key Workers and require provision for their children over the two week staggered return [by clicking on this Link](#) you can apply for a place for your child.
- Those who have completed the MS Form and indicated they need a laptop will be contacted and a suitable time arranged for you to collect this. If you have not yet completed this, please ensure you do so before Monday 4th January. The form should be completed for all academy students by [following this link](#). Please note that we have a limited number of devices so we may not be able to fulfil all requirements.

Tuesday 5th January 2021 to Friday 8th January 2021

- The only onsite provision will be for vulnerable pupils (including those that attend the IC) and the pupils of critical workers.
- Those sitting public examinations will attend school for these examinations. Pupils affected by this will be contacted on Monday 4th January with further details.
- **All other pupils will work from home.** Lessons will follow your child's usual timetable and will be conducted over Teams.
- We will provide FSM vouchers to those that are eligible.

Monday 11th January 2021 to Friday 15th January 2021

- In addition to the provision for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers, there will be onsite provision for pupils in Year 11, Year 13 and Year 14 and those sitting public examinations.
- **All other pupils (Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12) will continue to work from home.** Lessons will follow their usual timetable and will be conducted over Teams. Details of how to access this can be found in our Home Learning Hub.
- We will provide FSM vouchers to those that are eligible.

Monday 18th January 2021

- We anticipate all students returning to school from this date.

Once again, I apologise for contacting you during the Christmas break and hope you and your family had a lovely new year.

Yours faithfully,



Todd Johnson
Principal

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to:

doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes:

- those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak)

- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport

This includes:

- those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors