



SKEGNESS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday afternoon we received the news that the government want to stagger the return of secondary school pupils to school after the Christmas holiday.

Their aim is to provide schools with the time to organise the mass testing that they would like to start happening in school as soon as possible in the new term. This is a huge undertaking and we currently have very little detail to support us with our planning of this. However, please rest assured that we will not engage in any testing procedures involving your child without having shared full information and obtained your consent.

The details for the first week back in January are below. I am truly sorry that we have been prevented from planning this until now and from getting details to you any sooner.

Start of Spring Term Arrangement for Pupils at Skegness Academy

Monday 4th January 2021

This will be an INSET day for academy staff as originally calendared

Tuesday 5th January 2021 to Friday 8th January

Pupils in Year 11 and 13 attend school as normal

- They should arrive no later than 8:45am for a prompt start to their P1 lessons
- They will have face-to-face lessons with their teachers as usual
- They will continue to follow the Autumn Term timetable (we will delay our move to the Spring Term Operating Procedures until 11th January 2021)
- Usual expectations in terms of uniform and standards will be in place

Pupils in Year 12 sitting January Examinations attend school as normal

- Pupils sitting examinations in January (Sport, Childcare, Health and Social Care, Travel and Tourism, Law and Performing Arts) will be expected to attend as normal
- They will access face-to-face revision lessons in the examination subjects
- They will be provided with a PC or laptop to access the same online lessons as their peers for their other lessons
- We will contact the families of these pupils on Monday 4th January to confirm arrangements
- Pupils will be asked to attend face-to-face lessons in their examination subjects only and engage in online learning from home for their remaining lessons

Pupils in the IC

- They are expected to attend as normal

Vulnerable Children to attend.

- Any children who fit into one of the categories we have been provided by the government will be contacted individually (no later than Monday 4th January) to let them know they should attend
- They should arrive at school, via their normal entrance and go to the outside zone allocated to their year group. They should arrive no later than 8.40am for registration and followed by a prompt start to their P1 lessons
- They will be kept in separate year-group bubbles throughout the day
- They will be provided with a PC or laptop and headphones to access the same online lessons as their peers

Children of Critical Workers welcome to attend.

- Children of critical workers will be welcome to attend
- To help us plan for numbers, we request that parents/carers of these children complete the [Microsoft Form by clicking on this Link](#). A reminder of who is considered a critical worker is at the end of this letter
- The registration form needs to be completed no later than 12pm on Monday 4th January 2021
- They should arrive at school, via their normal entrance and go to the outside zone allocated to their year group. They should arrive no later than 8.45am for registration and followed by a prompt start to their P1 lessons
- They will be kept in separate year-group bubbles throughout the day
- They will be provided with a PC or laptop and headphones to access the same online lessons as their peers

Monday 11th January 2021

All pupils are expected to return to school. Should this information change, we will keep you informed.

Once again, please accept my apologies for the unavoidable lateness of this notice.

I would like to wish you and your loved ones an enjoyable and restful Christmas holiday.

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