



31st December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Updated start of Spring Term 2021 arrangements

I hope that you have managed to have a restful Christmas and that this letter finds you and your family safe and well. For many of us, plans may have changed, but my hope is that all have had at least some time with friends or family. It was certainly well-deserved.

You may be aware that because of the increased COVID-19 infection rates the Government has decided to further delay the opening of schools.

As a consequence of yesterday's announcement by the Secretary of State for Education, below are updated arrangements for the start of the Spring Term:

Monday 4th January

This is an INSET Day and, as planned, **the school will be closed to all students.**

The planned assessments (tests) for Sixth Form students have been postponed to a later date, yet to be confirmed (Mr Senior has written to Sixth Form students to advise them of this). Students should complete any outstanding holiday work that has been set for them (see Google Classroom) and ensure they have submitted relevant tasks.

On Monday, we will also contact parent/carers of vulnerable students and key workers who have requested provision for their children with details of arrangements for the week.

A further letter on Monday will outline our expectations for remote learning via Google Classroom that will commence on Tuesday 5th January.

Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th January

School will only be open for the supervision of vulnerable children and the children of keyworkers – these students will need to attend in full school uniform. If your child has been invited in but is showing symptoms, please do not send them into school but take them for a test.

Scheduled BTEC exams will still take place in school.

Monday 11th to Friday 15th January

Subject to any further announcements, **only students due to sit exams in the Summer – Year 11 and 13 – will return to school as normal.** A reminder that students must be in full school uniform / full school PE kit.

Lessons for students in all other year groups will continue online at their timetabled time, via Google Classroom.

Monday 18th January

All students will be in school as normal in full school uniform / full school PE kit.

Finally, a reminder that **all students must always bring their own face covering to school.**

As you are aware, plans for returning to school are being constantly reviewed by the Government and we will therefore keep you updated as and when anything changes. We are also in the process of the planning and preparation for in-school coronavirus testing and will contact you with further information next week. No student will be tested without permission.

I hope that this provides clarification as to the shape of the start of the year. Further information will be available next week.

In spite of the challenges that we face, I do want to wish you a Happy and Hopeful New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Alex Thomas
Headteacher