

30<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Following Gavin Williamson's announcement this afternoon, the senior leadership team have met remotely to determine how this will impact on arrangements for the next two weeks.

As you will be aware, Year 11 will now return on Monday 11th January and all other year groups will return on Monday 18th January.

It is our intention that for the week commencing Tuesday 5th January, students in Years' 7 to 10 will be set several remote learning tasks, although these will be less demanding than the following week (w/c 11th January), which will involve a full programme of remote learning. We believe this will ensure the students remain engaged with their learning, with the demands being made by their teachers becoming progressively more challenging during the first three weeks of term.

Year 11 will receive a full programme of remote learning from Tuesday 5th January onwards.

We now expect to test Year 11 students from Monday 11th January onwards. The setting up of a testing station and recruitment (and training) of a volunteer workforce is in hand. We expect to take delivery of testing kits and PPE equipment on Monday morning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers and school governors who have kindly offered their services to form part of a voluntary workforce. I will contact you all as soon as possible with details of the training process, which I believe can be conducted online, the schedule, the availability of PPE for your own safety and the general logistics associated with the testing programme.

Please use the following links to access the online surveys to give your consent for your child to be tested and to volunteer to join the workforce supporting the school with the testing process:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HKHLJWV>

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RMVPHMS>

We expect up to 30 students to attend school from Tuesday onwards (vulnerable students and children of critical workers); IT access will be made available and the students will be asked to complete the remote learning tasks assigned to their classes. Identified vulnerable students in Year 11 will also be invited to school during those four days. The students will be based in year group bubbles and will be supervised throughout. Provision will be made for those students entitled to free school meals. It is unlikely we can provide a canteen service, so please provide your child(ren) with their own refreshments for the day. Parents/carers completing the online children of critical workers survey will be contacted on Monday, although if the occupation of parents/carers is clearly classed as a critical service, and there is no alternative means of looking after your child(ren), then you can safely assume a place will be available. Parents/carers of Year 11 students may also request that your child attends school from Tuesday 5th January to Friday 8th January by completing the online form at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KK6PNF7>

Thank you for your support; I am sure you appreciate that we may have to adjust plans in accordance with further DfE guidance. If this is the case, I will contact you immediately.  
Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jon Winn', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jon Winn  
Principal