

18th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following an announcement made by the DfE yesterday, we will have a staggered return to school in January. This is to enable us to implement a system of rapid testing for Covid-19, reducing the need for groups of students to self-isolate if a student from their bubble tests positive. Once in place, such a system may enable us to review our operational arrangements in school.

Year 11 students will return as planned on Tuesday 5th January, whereas other year groups will return on Monday 11th January.

In addition to Year 11, invited vulnerable students will also be asked to attend from Tuesday 5th January. Our student support team will contact parents/carers directly and individually.

Children of critical workers will also be invited to attend from Tuesday 5th January. Whilst during the lockdown period the school was open to the children of keyworkers, the DfE have asked schools to open to children of critical workers only. This includes frontline medical staff, police officers, military personnel, or similar types of critical role. If you fall into this category and there are no alternative means to supervise your child, please complete the attached survey:

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

Years 7 to 10 will be expected to access remote learning from Tuesday 5th January until Friday 8th January. We are aware of students without IT access and will make appropriate provision for them.

At this time we are unsure about free school meal arrangements for students in Years 7 to 10, and will provide further information as soon as possible.

All school and county transport will operate as usual.

Please contact the school if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



Jon Winn
Principal