

17th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

You may already be aware that the Government has announced this afternoon that there will be a staggered return to school in January. I write to provide you with our arrangements from 4th January 2021.

The Academy will be closed to all students on Monday 4th January 2021.

On Tuesday 5th January, the Academy will be open to the following groups only:

- All Year 11 students
- Children of critical workers – please refer to the government’s definition of critical workers

In addition, we will be contacting parents and carers of other identified children who will also be expected to attend school.

Students in Year 10 who are due to sit vocational examinations in construction and sport will still be able to access face-to-face support for important exam preparation and we will contact you again tomorrow to confirm these arrangements.

If you are a critical worker and wish for your child to attend school, please respond to the latest survey that will be sent to you via the SchoolGateway app. It is critical that we have accurate and up-to-date information so that we can plan accordingly.

All other students should remain at home and will receive a full-time remote education, following their normal timetable. All remote learning will be accessed through Microsoft Teams, in the usual way.

The government has stated that all students should return to full time face-to-face education from Monday 11th January 2021. We therefore look forward to welcoming everyone back to the academy on this date. Obviously, if anything changes in the meantime, we shall inform you as quickly as we can.

Whilst I feel that I must apologise for sending you this information so late in the day and at the end of term, I must also make it clear that the government only confirmed these arrangements this afternoon. This is frustrating for us all and, as I am sure you will appreciate, has resulted in a significant amount of planning and preparation to undertake on the last day of term. As ever, I thank you for your understanding and patience.

Yours sincerely



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