

**4th January 2021**

**January Restart – Update to current plans**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to update you again concerning the next few weeks.

Thank you for completing the critical worker/vulnerable student survey last week. All students in this category can attend school from tomorrow onwards. Please read the further details set out below for these students.

At the moment the general situation remains:

**From Tuesday 5th January.** The school is only open to a student who is considered a child of a critical worker or a vulnerable child.

Year 11 are expected to work at home this week and access work via the student hub and Teams lessons. Year 7-10 are expected to remain at home.

**From Monday 11th January.** Year 11 will return to school and lessons will restart in the classrooms. Years 7-10 will be expected to work at home and access work via the student hub and Teams lessons.

**From Monday 18th January.** We expect all in-school teaching to resume (dependent upon the Government's announcement tonight).

**Lateral Flow Testing**

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to support in the testing process. We will be in contact this week. We received all the testing kits this morning but we are still awaiting any instructions or online resources on how to use the tests, record the results and upload them.

The test itself seems straightforward enough. It looks like it is a simple nose swab (not throat) and the students carry this out themselves under staff supervision. We would encourage as many students as possible to agree to in-school testing.

This is the link to the online consent form: <https://bit.ly/3n8x3QV>. I will send the link via Parent Messenger as well. If you would like your child to be tested, please complete the form by 12pm on Wednesday 6th January.

We are also looking into using community venues for the initial testing of students. Therefore, we will send out a survey tomorrow asking for opinions about whether it is worthwhile setting up community testing and where it would be helpful to set up the sites.



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### **Critical worker children and vulnerable children**

Approximately 60 students will return to us tomorrow across five years groups. These students will need to access the school from different entrances and go to different rooms. There will be no mixing of bubbles to reduce the risk of transmitting the virus. Breaks and lunches remain separate. Work has been set on the student hub by staff and students will be asked to complete this work through the day. Students should bring their own headphones and this is a requirement for Year 11 students who will be accessing Teams lessons.

Students do not need to wear school uniform this week, but will need to wear uniform from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January when Year 11 return. Please can I ask you to remind students that we expect their best behaviour at all times. Any poor behaviour may lead to the student being isolated from other students in their bubble.

The rooms and entrances for the year groups are as follows:

Year Group	Entrance	Room
7	Reception	Labs
8	Reception	E032
9	Technology	E102
10	Technology	E025
11	LRC	LRC

Hopefully, this answers the current questions you have. I am sure I will be sending out further information in the next few days. In the meantime, if we can help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher