

Dear [NAME of PARENT],

I hope you enjoyed a restful Christmas break with your families. I am writing in response to the recent instruction from the government for all secondary schools to delay their reopening until 18th January and adopt remote learning for all year groups from the 4th January.

In line with this directive, **only children of key workers and those requiring additional support will return to school on Monday 4th January**. All parents of students who meet these criteria have been contacted and we encourage all students to attend school in line with government guidelines.

From week commencing 11th January, Year 11 students will return to on-site learning in line with the staggered reopening directive. All other year groups will return to on-site learning on 18th January at their normal staggered time.

Students sitting vocational exams in January

Year 10 and Year 11 students studying Construction, iMedia, Childcare and Hospitality will sit examinations week beginning 11th January. To support these examinations, it is our intention to invite students in to school for a specific revision day during the week commencing 4th January. These revision days will support their preparation for the exams. We will let all students and parents know when their designated revision day is in due course.

Remote learning expectations from 4th January

During week commencing 4th January, all students will follow their normal curriculum via remote learning. Teaching staff will email all students each morning with a link so that they can access their online lessons. Lessons can also be accessed via their Google calendars or via Google Classroom. Lessons will take place as scheduled at their normal time and full attendance is an expectation.

We will publish details of our remote education provision on our school website imminently. This guidance provides clear and transparent information for students and parents or carers about what to expect from our remote education provision. It

also provides parents and carers with ways they can support teaching staff and students in ensuring they engage fully in their remote learning.

Return to on-site learning

As I said in December, when students return we will continue to prioritise the health and well-being of our school community. We will ensure that, despite the stringent measures we have in place, all students will follow a broad, balanced and creative curriculum.

All existing protocols regarding bubbles, entrances and exits and timings of the day will remain the same.

Reminder of timings of the day from 18th January 2020

- Year 7 – 8:50am – 3:00pm
- Year 8 – 9:00am – 3:10pm
- Year 9 – 9:10am – 3:20pm
- Year 10 – 8:50am – 3:10pm

The two greatest determining factors relating to student well-being and attainment are good attendance and outstanding effort. This has never been more important than now and I need to reiterate that it is an expectation that our students:

- attend their virtual lessons without exception
- attend school if identified as a child of a key worker or that requires additional support
- communicate with their teachers regarding their work
- communicate with their teachers immediately regarding any barriers to their remote learning
- continue to conduct themselves in the Rawmarsh Way.

Finally, when returning to site, all students should attend school every day, on time.

We recognise that the ongoing stringent measures we have in place will not be without challenges; that said, we know our students and staff can work together and support each other to make the best of the situation.

Kind regards

Matthew Turton
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