

17 December 2020

Dear parent/carer

Start of term January 2021

The Government has, this afternoon, updated its guidance regarding the start of term in January and has advised that secondary schools in England should **not** fully re-open to all students and staff following the Christmas holidays until Monday 11 January 2021.

However, we will still be open from 5 January 2021, as scheduled, for

- students in exam year groups (i.e Year 11 and Year 13)
- children of key workers
- students who are vulnerable

All other students will receive their learning remotely for the first week of term (i.e. from 5 January 2021) and they will be expected to engage fully with this. Thank you for your support.

I will write to you tomorrow to confirm arrangements for Remote Learning.

We appreciate that this change is short notice and may inconvenience you but it is essential that we closely follow all Government guidance on COVID-19 in order to safeguard our students, staff and wider academy community.

To summarise, therefore:

- We will reopen, in person, to Years 11 and 13 on 5 January 2021
- We will also reopen, in person, to the children of key workers and to vulnerable young people (i.e. those for whom we were open during last spring's lockdown) on 5 January 2021
- All other students will be expected to access remote learning from 5 January 2021 and to return to the academy, in person, on Monday 11 January 2021.

Yours sincerely



Mr Ged Rae
Principal