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31st December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Updated arrangements for week commencing 4 January 2021.

The Government has late yesterday, updated its guidance regarding the start of term in January.

The Government has stated that secondary schools will now only be open from Monday 4th January 2021 to vulnerable children and children of critical workers.

From Monday 11th January 2021 secondary schools will now only be open to students in examination year groups (Year 11 students), vulnerable children and children of critical workers. Year 11 will receive their learning remotely for the first week of term, from Tuesday 5th January 2021 to Friday 8th January.

All other students in Year 7 to Year 10 will receive their learning remotely for the first two weeks of term, from Tuesday 5th January 2021 to Friday 15th January 2021. **Please note that on Monday 4th January we will be closed to ALL students as it is a pre- planned Professional Development Day.** Students in all year groups will be expected to return to school from Monday 18th January 2021.

Further details of how to access the remote learning for your child will be sent via email and social media. Members of staff will be in the academy as normal during the week commencing 4th January 2021 and will provide support for your child as best as they are able to remotely.

Parents/carers of Year 11 students: If you are a critical worker as defined by the government guidance and intend to send your Year 11 child to school from Tuesday 5th January to Friday 8th January please complete the details on the link below by **4:00pm Saturday 2nd January 2021**

<https://forms.gle/kFkkHwJ7jFMYbq3Z9>

We will contact all eligible critical worker parents/carers once we have reviewed the completed forms. Please do NOT send your child to school without receiving confirmation which will be by the very latest on Monday 4th January.

We will contact parents/carers of children identified as being vulnerable as per government guidance to ensure they attend school from Tuesday 5th January 2021.

We appreciate that this further change is short notice and may inconvenience you, but we know you will agree with us that it is essential we follow the Government guidance regarding COVID-19 in order to safeguard our students, staff and wider academy community.

Finally, we would again like to reassure you that we will provide details of the arrangements for any testing that may be carried out in due course. This would only be with your consent. The information from the Government is currently rapidly evolving in respect of this and, therefore, we are unable to share with you any details of this at this stage.

Thank you for your continued support in these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely,



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