

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Department for Education announced yesterday its plan to stagger the return of students to school in January.

On **Tuesday 5th January** only the following students will return to lessons in the school. These students have been identified by the Government and are expected to be in school.

1. Those in **year 11**
2. Those who are supported by a **social worker**
3. **Children looked after** (CLA) or previous looked after
4. Those who have an **Education Health Care Plan** (EHCP)
5. Those who are entitled to **Free School Meals** (FSM) - or have been entitled to them in the last six years
6. Those who we specifically invited to the **KDS Provision in March to June** lockdown
7. **Critical workers** which includes: Health and social care, Education and childcare, Justice system, religious staff, frontline charities, undertakers, journalist and broadcasters, local and national government, essential food production and deliveries, medicine and research, public safety and national security, essential transport, critical utilities, communications and financial services.

If your child falls into **category 2-6** they are expected to attend. Can you complete the google form [here](#) by Tuesday 22nd December at 9am confirming their attendance? This will support us in being able to put all the plans in place. you will receive a letter confirming arrangements and timings for Tuesday 5th January onwards. Thank you in advance of sharing this information with your child.

If you fall into **category 7** above can complete the google form [here](#) and submit by **Tuesday 22nd December at 9am**. This will allow us time to prepare all of the arrangements and again, a follow up letter will be sent to confirm arrangements and timings for Tuesday 5th January onwards.

For students in Y7-10 who will be on site, these students will follow their normal timetabled lessons and specialist teachers will be on hand to support them.

All other students (Y7-10 unless named above) will start school on the **5th January** but learning from home:

- They will need to log on at 8.30am each day, via their Chromebooks in the usual way. Students who are on a daily loan will be contacted and be given a time to come into school to collect a Chromebook and charger for the week on the **Monday 4th January**.
- They will follow their timetabled lessons via Google Classrooms. Lessons will not be live.
- A full five-period day will be taught each day.

- Each day will end with Champion Time. Here time will be given over to reading, and touch typing. Tutors will also be reviewing student engagement and be on hand to answer questions students may have.

Our teaching and support staff will all be working on site so other school functions will continue as normal.

On Monday 11th January all students will attend school as normal.

We apologise, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Education, for the very late notice of this and the potential disruption it may cause to hard working parents.

With very best wishes

Mrs Leigh-Bennett
Headteacher