

2nd January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Return to school arrangements - SpringTerm 2021

I hope that you and your families have enjoyed the Christmas break.

I am writing to you to briefly outline the adjustments that are being made to the start of the spring term in line with the latest DfE guidance.

Wednesday 6th January will be a staff INSET day as planned.

The spring term will start **remotely** for **all year groups** from Thursday 7th January. Learning plans and activities will be accessible via Google classroom.

Students in Years 11 and 13 will begin face-to-face lessons in school in the week commencing **Monday 11th January**.

Students in Years 7-10 and 12 will continue to be taught remotely during the week beginning 11th January and will return to face-to-face lessons in school in the week commencing **Monday 18th January**.

The precise dates of return to classroom learning for each year group will be confirmed next week.

In line with the DfE guidance, we will be making provision for a small number of students, including children of key worker parents, to attend school from Thursday 7th January onwards. I will provide further details about these arrangements as part of the communication on Monday 4th January. Parents of key workers who have not otherwise informed us that the wish to send their child into school on these dates are asked to email our Business Manager, Karen Williams, by close of play on Monday 4th January with the name and year group of the student(s) and the key worker occupation of one or both parents.

We are also planning to participate in a mass testing programme at the start of the term, which will offer testing to all staff and students via the lateral flow testing (LFT) kits being provided by the Government. We have provisionally planned to test all students in Year 11 on Thursday 7th January and again on Monday 11th January with all students in Year 13 being tested on Friday 8th January and Tuesday 12th January.

We will write to parents and carers of students in these year groups at the beginning of next week to give additional information and will provide information for parents and carers of students in years 7-10 and 12 at the appropriate time.

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I hope that this information has provided some additional clarity for all families. I would also ask at this point that if your child has tested positive for Covid-19 at any time over the Christmas break and you have not informed the school that you please do so by emailing **either** Mrs Bashford-Hynes ehynes@vynersschool.org.uk or Mrs Foster afoster@vynersschool.org.uk. This will enable us to maintain accurate records.

Thank you for your support during this uncertain period. I hope that 2021 proves to be a productive year for us all.

Yours sincerely

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