



Nunthorpe
Academy

1st January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that I hope this letter finds you and your families well and that you have enjoyed a peaceful Christmas.

I wrote to you at the end of term regarding the government announcement of a staggered return to school in January. Following the further government update on Wednesday, the arrangements for the start of term are as follows. Please note that this information is subject to change, in line with government guidance and any updates will be communicated via the website as usual.

The government updated its guidance regarding the start of term in January on Wednesday afternoon and has advised that secondary schools in England should not fully re-open to all students following the Christmas holidays until Monday 18th January.

This means the following:

Phased start to term

On **Monday 4 January**, the following pupils should come in to school:

- Vulnerable children (children with an EHCP or social work involvement)
- Children of critical workers (please email jsinclair@nunthorpe.co.uk to inform us of your child's name, year group and tutor group, if you wish to access this offer)

If you are unsure about whether or not your child falls into one of these categories, please contact your child's pastoral manager for confirmation.

During this first week of term, all other pupils should stay at home. We will be providing remote education for those pupils. Remote education will follow your child's usual timetable and invites to zoom sessions will be sent through Classcharts as previously. Your child's form tutor will be completing phone call well being checks during this first week, however if you require prioritising please email your child's form tutor or pastoral manager directly. All email addresses are on the academy website.

For students attending on-site provision usual start and finish times will apply and all other school routines will operate as usual. Full school uniform should be worn.

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Year 11

Students in Year 11 will now work remotely for the first week back (Monday 4th January – Friday 8th January – timetable Week 2) and they will be expected to engage fully with this. The government's intention is that Year 11 students will then return to school for face-to-face teaching from **Monday 11th January**.

Year 13

Students in Year 13 will now work remotely for the first week back (Monday 4th January – Friday 8th January – timetable Week 2) and they will be expected to engage fully with this. The government's intention is that Year 13 students will then return to school for face-to-face teaching from **Monday 11th January**. If your child is entered for an external exam they should attend for the exam – Mrs Ivison will be in touch next week.

Year 7 – 10 and 12

Students in Years 7-10 and 12 will receive their learning remotely for the first two weeks of term, (from Monday 4th January – Friday 15th January), and they will be expected to engage fully with this.

As usual, for students accessing learning remotely, work will be provided via Classcharts, including links to zoom lessons. Students should follow their usual timetable (Monday 4th January to Friday 8th January – Timetable Week 2) and (Monday 11th January to Friday 15th January – Timetable Week 1)

The government's intention is that all students will then return to school for face-to-face teaching from **Monday 18th January**.

Please let us know if you require a paperwork work pack by emailing your pastoral manager directly.

We understand that this start of term change is short notice and may inconvenience you, but we have to follow Government guidance on COVID-19 in order to safeguard our students, staff and wider community.

Testing

From Monday 4th January we expect more guidance to be issued by the government about how the testing of students will be rolled out. This is expected to happen during the first weeks of term and will initially test staff and Year 11 and 13 students. The tests that are offered in schools are the lateral-flow tests. These are easy to use and self-administered, producing a result within 30 minutes. Next week we will email you consent forms and a leaflet / further guidance about the tests. Participation in testing is voluntary but those who are eligible for tests are strongly encouraged to participate to reduce the chance of transmission. As and when more information is released about how the testing in schools is to happen, I will let you know.

Thank you for supporting the academy as always. Wishing you all the best for the New Year, many thanks for your patience.

Take care and stay safe.

Kate Kell

Head of School