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Dear Parents and Carers

31st December 2020

Re: Returning to school in January

After a number of weeks of uncertainty I am now in a position to be able to confirm the arrangements for your child's return to school in January 2021 and what provision will be in place in the meantime.

The education secretary yesterday outlined plans in parliament and his statement can be read here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/education-secretary-sets-out-school-contingency-plans-for-england?utm_source=ddee999e-62a2-4aef-989f-ccdcb50a6a10&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

This has implications for the dates of returning to school for your child so I would ask you to disregard previous correspondence regarding this. Monday 4th January remains an INSET day and no pupils will be in school. The table below summarises the return dates and what provision will be in place before their return.

	Week 1 5 th to 8 th January 2021	Week 2 11 th to 15 th January 2021	Week 3 18 th January 2021 onwards
Years 11 and 13	Not in School Remote live lessons provided via Teams Pupils will follow their normal school timetable and should log in at 9.25 each day for their first lesson. (Registers will be taken at this point)	In school for normal lessons	In school for normal lessons
Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 12	Not in school Assignments and work set on Teams for pupils to complete during the week. Pupils should log in each day to see what work has been set for them and this should all be completed by the end of this week. (No live lessons)	Not in School Remote live lessons provided via Teams Pupils will follow their normal school timetable and should log in at 9.25 each day for their first lesson. (Registers will be taken at this point)	In school for normal lessons

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Children of critical workers who have been offered a place and vulnerable pupils	In school As above. Will access either the remote live lessons or work set depending on year group	
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If you believe you are a critical worker and wish your child to take up a place from 5th January you must complete the parentmail form that was sent out before Christmas and provide evidence of your critical worker status when your child comes to school on Tuesday 5th January.

A number of your children have BTEC exams this week and next. These are set to go ahead as planned and further correspondence will follow regarding the support to be in place for these pupils and students. The year 11 mock exams that were scheduled will take place later this term. Again we will correspond directly with your children on this so that they are fully aware of when these will take place. The exams for other year groups will also take place later in the term with details to follow in the coming weeks.

It is crucial that your children apply themselves fully to the online learning and are well prepared each day. Most will not have their exercise books so you will need to provide paper for them. They should always bring their equipment to every lesson and ensure that their behaviour standards are exemplary. Teaching remotely is far more challenging for staff and I would ask that you emphasise the need for absolute dedication from your children during this including ensuring that every piece of work set is completed to the best of his/her ability. Our normal behaviour standards will apply and it would be wise to inform your children that the lessons will be monitored and any disruption will be tackled.

Birmingham is now in tier 4 as you will be aware. You can read what this means below and it is important that when you do send your child to school they are fully aware of the necessary measures including the requirements to wear face coverings on public transport as well as in school. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home>

You will also no doubt be aware that secondary schools are implementing a Covid 19 testing programme. It will take a little time to set up so please bear with us but it is important that you monitor all parentmail correspondence carefully. In the coming days you will receive notifications asking whether you are consenting to your child being part of the testing process. This is entirely your prerogative whether you choose for your child to be part of the programme or not but please be aware that if you do not give consent and your child is identified as a contact, they will be required to isolate for 10 days. More information about the process can be read here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/947799/schools_and_colleges_testing_handbook.pdf. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the implementation or you know someone who would be interested then please do email enquiry@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk expressing your interest and what days/hours you are able to do.

As always thank you for your ongoing support. Apologies for the New Year's Eve correspondence and for the length of this letter but I believe it is important you are kept up to date as much as possible.

Kind Regards



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