

"Success For All"

NETHERHALL LEARNING CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL

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Updated arrangements for return to school in January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have enjoyed a restful Christmas break with your families. I am writing in response to the recent instruction from the government for all secondary school to delay their full reopening until Monday 18th January 2021 and adopt remote learning for all year groups from Monday 11th January 2021.

In line with this directive, Monday 4th January 2021 is a whole school inset day, meaning we are **closed to all students**. From Tuesday 5th January 2021 only the children of key workers and those requiring additional support will return to school.

Parents of students who meet these criteria have been contacted and asked to complete an online Microsoft form. We encourage these students to attend school in line with government guidelines.

If you have received the online form but not yet completed it please complete it by the morning of Monday 4th January 2021. If you have not received the online form, but believe your child is eligible to attend school as normal, please contact reception by Monday at 12pm.

Eligible students attending school on Tuesday 5th January 2021 should use their normal entrance, where they will be directed to their remote learning classroom.

Lessons have been adapted to meet the demands of in-school students alongside students who are learning remotely. Please be aware that any students attending week commencing Tuesday 5th January will not be taught from their scheduled timetable and may not have their regular subject teacher.

From week commencing Monday 11th January 2021 Year 11 and Year 13 students will return to onsite learning in line with the staggered reopening directive (more information to follow next week).

All other year groups will return to on-site learning on Monday 18th January 2021 at their normal staggered start time.

Remote learning expectations from Monday 11th January 2021

Access to an appropriate device: hardware will be made available for students who we are aware have no appropriate device at home to use for online learning by the end of the day on Friday 8th January 2021. If your child does not have access to a device for online learning, please contact school by the end of the day Monday 4th January 2021.

Accessing online learning

Teachers will send emails and/or invitations directing students to join virtual lessons via Teams meet or access set work resources. Lessons will be a mixture of "live" lesson and uploaded resources.

All work is accessed through Microsoft Teams. Your child should know how to log onto this, if not then there is a "How to guide" on our website. All students must join their lesson on time and ready to learn. Further advice on remote learning from home is available on our website.

Timings: student should be ready to start their "live" lessons at the normal time for each period. Set work and resources should be submitted once completed.

Return to on-site learning

As I said in December, when students return we will continue to prioritise the health and wellbeing of our school community. We will ensure that, despite the stringent measures we have in place, all students will follow a broad, balanced and creative curriculum.

All existing protocols regarding bubbles, entrances and exits and timings of the day will remain the same.

The two greatest determining factors relating to student wellbeing and attainment are good attendance and outstanding effort. This has never been more important than now and I need to reiterate that it is important that our students

- attend their virtual lessons without exception
- attend school if eligible
- communicate with their teachers regarding their work
- communicate with their teachers immediately regarding any barriers to their remote learning
- continue to conduct themselves in the Netherhall way.

We recognise that the ongoing stringent measures we have in place will not be without challenges. That said, we know our students and staff can work together and support each other to make the best of the situation.

Your sincerely

Michael Kent Principal