



18th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Announcement by the Secretary of State (17th December)

I would like to sincerely apologise for writing to you again following my end of term letter but as you may have read schools were advised of an announcement regarding new government guidance that was released on the evening of Thursday 17th December. You may read this guidance [here](#).

Testing in Schools

The government has advised that schools will be able to test more of their staff and students in a round of free coronavirus testing and will have access to rapid testing from January. Guidance will shortly be provided to schools on how to set up and staff the testing sites. Testing will be optional but strongly encouraged, particularly in areas of higher prevalence of the virus. Consent will be required from the student or parent as appropriate.

Staggered Return

The government has announced that **schools will operate a staggered return**, offering all non-exam year groups remote education during the first week of term, with face-to-face education for all starting on 11th January. The return has been organised into two phases

Phase One: Students who may return on Tuesday 5th January 2021

| Compulsory Attendance | Eligible to attend | |
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| | You must complete the surveys to secure a place in this provision. The survey will close on Monday 4th January at 12pm and will not reopen. | |
| Year 11 and Y13 Students | Vulnerable Students | Children of Critical Workers |
| Expected and compulsory attendance from Tuesday 5 th January 2021 for <i>all Y11 and Y13</i> students. | Please follow this link to see definitions of 'vulnerable' students who are eligible to attend the 'small school provision' from 5 th January 2021 | Please follow this link to see definitions of children of 'critical workers' who are eligible to attend the 'small school provision' from 5 th January 2021 |
| Not Applicable | Click here for the link to the Vulnerable Student survey | Click here for the link to the Critical Worker Survey |
| Normal lessons will resume for all Y11 and Y13 students | No lessons will take place for these students – this is a supervised childcare provision. Children will have access to ICT to complete independent 'remote learning. This will be staffed by support staff and not teaching staff. | |

Students who are not eligible to attend during Phase 1: Remote Learning Guidance:

Students in **Year 7-10 and Year 12, not eligible to attend** during Phase 1 will have access to remote education provided by class teachers. The first day of remote education will be Tuesday 5th January. On this day students will complete any outstanding homework and make sure that they are set up to work from home. There will be no live lessons on this day. If your child needs support with accessing remote learning, you should contact office@kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk for additional support. Please note, we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible, but there may be a queuing system – and we ask for some element of patience. Live (or pre-recorded) lessons will commence *at 9.00am on Wednesday 6th January 2021*.

Live Lessons

All students will have access to live lessons from Wednesday 6th January via MS Teams. It is essential that students have access to **MS Teams** to be able to participate in lessons.

- Students will follow their normal timetable (week 2)
- Students will participate in three lessons per day (as per their normal timetable)
- Students will access a tutor session on *Friday 8th January 2021 at 8.30am*

Format of the Lessons

- All lessons will include live teaching section or a live introduction (where the teacher outlines independent work and learning)
- Lessons may also include a range of different approaches to student learning such as video tutorials, independent work, quizzes, question and answer sessions, modelling etc.
- Teachers will remain online via the 'chat function' for the duration of the lesson to support with learning.

An invitation to a live lesson hosted on MS TEAMS with the relevant subject specialist with details of the time of this lesson will be sent via the students email address and added to their calendar. Support and guidance can be found on the Remote Learning section of the website (<https://www.kingshurst.tgacademy.org.uk/remote-learning/>). Please note, teachers *will not be sending individual* work to students. Students must follow their existing timetables.

We expect all students to attend at the allocated time and we will keep registers of attendance to each lesson. If a student is unable to attend a live session, they will be asked to inform us via the school office. We will be recording all live lessons for families who need the extra flexibility, and these recordings will be posted to the MS Team that is already set up for every teaching set.

Phase Two: Monday 11th January 2021

All students should attend, as normal, on Monday 11th January 2021. Normal lessons will resume for all students. Live lessons will cease and remote learning will only continue for students who are self-isolating and following Covid-19 guidance.

We wish to keep you as fully updated as possible and will be in-touch via the website, if any further guidance is shared.

Yours faithfully

Darren Turner
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