

31 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As expected, there was a further government announcement yesterday afternoon about the opening of schools in January 2021. Below is an update on what this means for our students:

Monday 4 January:

- A calendared staff inset day and the last day of the holiday for students

Tuesday 5 January - Friday 8 January:

- Should this be the preference of parents/carers, children of key workers, students who have an EHCP or identified SEND need or fall into the vulnerable category can come into school - **please see the below for details of how to confirm these arrangements**
- All other students, including Year 11, will remain at home and access remote learning - arrangements will be confirmed during the course of the day on Monday 4 January, including the provision of free school meals vouchers

Monday 11 January - Friday 15 January:

- During the course of the week, Year 11 students return to school and will follow their normal timetable - the exact date of return will be confirmed in due course
- **For Years 7 - 10:** should this be the preference of parents/carers, children of key workers, students who have an EHCP or identified SEND need or fall into the vulnerable category can come into school
- All other students will remain at home and access remote learning – confirmation of this provision will be provided on Monday 4 January

Monday 18 January:

- All students return to school

Children of keyworkers, those with an EHCP or identified SEND and those classed as vulnerable

In order for us to make in-school arrangements, we need to know the number of students who are expected to be in school next week. To help us do this, if you believe your child is entitled to this provision and would like to make use of it, please email covidalert@nhtschool.co.uk with the following details:

- Name of student
- Tutor group
- Reason for being in school (e.g. parents/carers are key workers and no other suitable arrangement can be made, child has an EHCP or falls into the vulnerable category etc.)

Given the extremely worrying nature of Covid transmission, whilst the entitlement to be in school exists for some students, the decision lies with parents/carers. I would urge careful consideration of what is best for your child in the context of your circumstances.

The deadline for this information is **Monday 4 January at 9am.**

Please ensure you have read the letter sent yesterday. Further communication will be shared during the course of next week which will include the details of arrangements for remote learning, any updates on the return to face-to-face teaching for all students and the implications of the expectations placed on schools to implement Covid testing procedures for students and staff.

Thank you, as always, for your support

Have a happy, safe new year.

Yours faithfully



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