

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**RE: REVISED Start of Term Arrangements**

Well, it certainly wasn't the plan to be in contact with you again so soon!

By now, I am sure you will have seen in the media that schools in England will be returning on a staggered start in January. This letter is to add further detail for Oak Academy students, following my brief tweet this morning.

Year 11 will be the only year group returning on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

The Academy will be open as normal and Year 11 students should arrive from 8.20am and meet in the canteen for an 8.40am start. Full Academy uniform must be worn. Students will then have an expectations assembly in Hall B and normal lessons will start from 9.40am.

During this week, provision will also be available for vulnerable students and children of key workers in all other year groups, if they are unable to remain at home and childcare is required. We last surveyed parents to establish this need in October. We will send out another survey link towards the end of this holiday so that eligible families can check/amend their details and confirm if childcare is required.

All other students will remain at home and follow an online, remote learning curriculum. This curriculum will follow a student's current timetable and staff on site will post work and be available online during the usual time of the lesson. Remote learning will take place over MS Teams, which students were introduced to during the previous lockdown and have continued to use this year. MS Teams works from many devices, including mobile phones.

Remote lessons will take place from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Students working from home are expected to be up, dressed and had breakfast by 8.30am for an 8.40am start. It is important that the normal daily routine is followed and we expect students to complete all work set. Although working remotely, we will follow the timings of the academy day, including break and lunch times.

We are aware of the very small number of families that do not have internet access and will work with them (as previously) in ensuring the curriculum can be followed. We will contact these families individually at the start of term.

All students will then return to Oak on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

I will write to all parents again at the start of the new term to explain how Years 7 – 10 will return on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. This will also include detail on the government's intention of mass testing of students and staff and how this is likely to work in practice!

In the meantime, have a wonderful Christmas holiday.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal

Link to all supporting information: <https://www.oak-academy.co.uk/coronavirus/updates-from-the-academy/>

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