

Thursday 31st December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Return to school in January 2021 – key dates

I am writing further to the announcements made yesterday by the Secretary of State for Education and the Prime Minister about pupils' return to school in January 2021.

There will be a staggered return to school in January 2021 for all pupils

The reason for the staggered return is to enable schools to set up the testing programme that is designed to identify asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 and break the chains of transmission.

This programme will enable us to keep more children in education and reduce the need for large groups of pupils to self-isolate if a positive case is detected.

Details of the key dates over the coming weeks are given below:

Week commencing	Details
Tuesday 5 th January	Vulnerable children & the children of critical workers attend school for face-to-face education <u>All other pupils receive remote education as per their normal timetable using Microsoft Teams</u>
Monday 11 th January	Year 11 pupils return for face-to-face education Year 7 to 10 pupils continue to receive remote education at home
Monday 18 th January	Year 7 to 10 pupils return for face-to-face education

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.

During the week beginning Monday 4th January 2021, I will be working with colleagues to set up the testing programme at Oak Academy and will write to you with further details about the programme. There will be a detailed letter and a consent form for all parents to sign. Please be aware that whilst we are encouraging every parent and child to take part in the programme, participation is voluntary.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. I realise that the notice given to parents and carers to adapt to this revised timeline is less than ideal but I am grateful for your understanding that these changes are in response to rapidly changing national events.

With very best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to you and your family.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Burgas
Principal

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

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