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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year, I hope that I find you all well and that you have had a safe and happy Christmas holiday.

You may be aware that there has been some uncertainty regarding the return to school this term. At the moment, we are expecting all children in Year 5 and Year 6 to return as normal on Tuesday 5th January.

We will continue with our measures to keep everyone in our community safe and would ask that you ensure your child has their mask with them and wears this.

For secondary age pupils that is those pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 term will start in a slightly different manner:

For Year 7 and 8 pupils, unless you have completed the online form and meet the criteria for Critical Worker status or the Academy has contacted you with regard to your child being classified within a vulnerable group then your children shouldn't not attend school and should stay at home and follow the advice given below.

For Critical Worker and Vulnerable group learners in Year 7 and Year 8 they should attend school as they have done since the start of term and again please ensure that they have a mask to wear. For those Year 7 and 8 pupils who are in school can they please bring in their own headphones wherever possible.

For all remote learning we will expect pupils to demonstrate the same high expectations of behaviour as when they are present in the Academy:

Timetable and running order for pupils for each day:

From Tuesday 5th January, Year 7 and Year 8 pupils will switch to remote learning and pupils will be required to log on via Microsoft Teams each day. All pupils have received training on how to access this and should have their usernames and passwords to provide them with the access to this online work. There is guidance material to support you on accessing Microsoft Teams that can be found on the Academy website [here](#). Attached at the end of this document is the timetable of lessons that pupils will be expected to complete each day. This is based on the usual Academy timetable with adjustments due to staffing and subject requirements. The blank periods are to give pupils time to complete work from previous lessons, to read and complete some additional creative tasks that will be sent out this week. They are also there to give pupils time to get some fresh air and carry out practical tasks like cooking a meal.

If possible pupils should be available at the times allocated for their timetabled lessons as some lessons will be 'live' with staff delivering materials at this time. If pupils are unable to access during the live lessons, materials will be uploaded within their Teams to be completed at a later date.



Each day between 1.40pm and 2.00pm, Year 7 and Year 8 House Tutors will be online to interact with House group pupils via Teams, provide responses to any concerns and check in with them. Phone calls may also be made through the week by House Tutors to check in with pupils.

Collective Worship resources will also be provided for pupils who are remote learning each day. These resources will be distributed via Teams.

If you find you are having problems with regard to this, please use the 'Contact Form' on the Academy website and we will get back to you as quickly as possible to provide you with answers and/or support.

PE Kit during the Spring Term:

During the Autumn term pupils were expected to attend the Academy in uniform each day and get changed in to PE kit.

For the Spring Term we are going to change this to allow pupils to come in on the days when they have PE in their Academy PE kit. This will start from tomorrow but we will support pupils and allow them to get changed if they forget this week.

This change is another measure to increase the safety for pupils and staff during the pandemic to further reduce the potential for transmission.

If parents/carers would like to ensure pupils have a change of kit or items of additional kit with them on PE days. Just in case pupils get sweaty, wet or muddy during PE activities.

Free School Meal Pupils in Year 7 and Year 8:

For those pupils who are in receipt of Free Schools Meals, during the next two weeks while pupils are remote learning from home. The Academy will provide hampers for them during this period each week.

If you would like to collect a hamper weekly from the Academy and are in receipt of Free Schools Meals, please can you contact the Academy via the Contact Form on the Academy website and we will contact you with regard to arrangements surrounding this.

MMR Vaccinations:

The scheduled MMR vaccinations that were scheduled to take place on the 11th January 2021 have been postponed. We will update you when we have further information regarding when these will take place

Lateral Flow Testing:

The Academy has received further information and training today from the Government on the roll out of mass testing. I will be writing to you in another letter with more details regarding this shortly. Thank you for your patience regarding this.



Safeguarding

Keeping our pupils and their families safe is our most important job.

If you have any concerns, please call First Response on 0800 131 3126 or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or Childline on 0800 1111. If you need to contact us, please do so via the Contacts link on the Academy website.

There is a lot of support available to help keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

- Think You Know: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- Internet Matters: <https://www.internetmatters.org/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- Parent Info: <https://parentinfo.org/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- LGfL: <https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- Net Aware: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)

January 2020: Remote Learning Timetable

Year 7

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Form Time/Collective Worship 1.40 pm -2.00pm	Lesson 5	Lesson 6	
	8.55 am – 9.45 am	9.45 am – 10.30 am	10.55 am – 11.45 am	11.45 am – 12.35 pm			2.00 pm – 2.50 pm	2.50 pm – 3.40 pm
Monday	French	Maths	PE				Computing	English
Tuesday	History	Maths		English			Science	
Wednesday	RE		Maths	English				Science
Thursday	French		Maths	English			PE	Creative Studies
Friday	English	Geography		Maths			Music	PHSE



Year 8

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Form time/Collective Worship 1.40 pm -2:00pm	Lesson 5	Lesson 6	
	8.55 am – 9.45 am	9.45 am – 10.30 am	10.55 am – 11.45 am	11.45 am – 12.35 pm			2.00 pm – 2.50 pm	2.50 pm – 3.40 pm
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Tuesday	Maths	English	RE	Geography			PE	
Wednesday	Science		Creative Studies				Maths	English
Thursday		PE	Mu	Maths			English	Computing
Friday	Science		French	English			Maths	PHSE

Work will be delivered through Microsoft Teams. Where possible try and follow the timetable since some of the lessons will be delivered 'live'. If that is not possible work will be uploaded for you to complete.

Yours sincerely



Mr. Hutchinson
Principal

