

30 December 2020

Dear families,

I hope you are well and have managed to enjoy some rest together. I am sorry to contact you during this late stage of the holiday but I feel you need this information sooner rather than later.

As you may have seen, the government has announced that children in Year 11 will not return to school on Tuesday 5th January. This means our school will only reopen for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. All other children must stay at home.

School will reopen on Monday 11th January for children in Year 11. We will be able to welcome all children back from Monday 18th January.

We're sorry for any inconvenience this causes you. Please know, we are determined to ensure our pupils do not miss out on their education. Therefore your child will be able to continue studying at home via our remote learning resources.

More information is outlined below (copied from what was sent out on 18 December). There are also details on our website regarding these resources and how it will work.

To confirm all;

When will children return to school?

- On Monday 4th January we will have a staff inset day as normal. School will be closed to all children.
- On Tuesday 5th January school will reopen for key workers and vulnerable children.
- From Tuesday 5th, children in **all year** groups will continue their education at home via our remote learning resources.
- On Monday 11th January we expect **Yr 11** pupils to be in school. All other year groups should continue with remote learning.
- On Monday 18th January, we expect **all other year** groups to be in school.

How will remote learning work?

Children in all year groups will need to continue their education at home until they return to school as detailed above. To do this, they will need to access our remote learning resources via Google Classroom.

Children should follow their normal school timetable - our teaching teams will set tasks and review work via Google Classroom. Classroom codes and links will be provided directly via email nearer the time. Pupils should complete the work set and submit this work to their classroom teacher where appropriate. If you have any questions please contact your child's classroom teacher.

If you don't have access to a suitable device or an internet connection, please contact us on ca-office@inspirationtrust.org.

What you'll need at home

- Internet access
- A laptop or similar device with the function of internet access.
- School gmail account to access google classroom.
- A work space.
- Usual class exercise books or paper.
- You child's timetable (in planners)

What we expect from your child and what you can do to help

It's important that your child engages with home learning and keeps to their timetable as best as possible to help maintain the school routine. We don't expect you to watch your child all day, and we wouldn't expect parents/carers to get involved in remote lessons in place of our teachers. But, it would be really helpful if you can take an active role in your child's learning by asking them about their day and what work they've done.

- Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day.
- Make it clear when the school day is over, to separate home and school life.
- Plan breaks and exercise into the day to help keep your child active.

Let us know if you're a key worker or the parents/carer of a vulnerable child.

Schools are remaining open to children of [key workers](#) so that they can continue to attend work during this critical period. Schools are also remaining open to [vulnerable children](#) in all year groups.

If you are a key worker or parent of a vulnerable child and need your child to attend school in person, then please let us know by emailing Mr Martin on michaelmartin@inspirationtrust.org.

If your child is classed as [Clinically Extremely Vulnerable](#), please contact the office.

We would like to thank all of our families for their support and understanding at this time. Our teams are working hard to make sure everything is in place for the term ahead.

Best wishes

D.Hollingsworth

Principal

