

Monday 21st December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Government has provided guidance regarding the start of term in January and has advised that secondary schools in England should not fully re-open to all students and staff following the Christmas holidays until Monday 11th January 2021.

However, the school will still be open from Monday 4th January 2021, as scheduled, for students classed as vulnerable and for children of key workers. [Key Worker Survey](#)

All other students will receive their learning remotely for the first week of term (i.e., from Monday 4th January 2021) and they will be expected to engage fully with this. Thank you for your support as always.

Lessons will be live in line with normal timetables in Microsoft Teams, as per the last week of term. All students know how to access Teams. However, if your child does not have access to IT equipment or the internet please contact Mr Colin Smith or Mrs N Wilson as soon as possible, in order that we can source alternative work.

We appreciate that this change is short notice and may inconvenience you, but it is essential that we closely follow all Government guidance on COVID-19 in order to safeguard our students, staff and wider school community

COVID – notifying the academy during the holiday period

Thank you to all parents/carers for contacting us swiftly, allowing us to respond to any positive cases that have arisen in the UTC during this term.

As we enter the Christmas break, it would be greatly appreciated if you could make us aware if your child tests positive for COVID-19 between Thursday 17th December and Thursday 24th December 2020 by completing a Microsoft Form ([Report a Positive case of COVID-19](#)). This is the only way to report a new case, as the UTC will be closed for 2 weeks and the general email enquiries will not be picked up until our return in January.

From 5pm on Wednesday 23rd December 2020, parents/carers are required to report any positive cases to Public Health England rather than to the UTC. The form mentioned above



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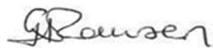


will not be accessible after Thursday 24th December 2020. You can contact Public Health England on 0114 321 1177.

I will write to all parents in early January with an update prior to all students commencing learning online on January 4th, 2021. Time to consider the government plans and strategically plan for any implementation will be required over the Christmas period. I hope you all have a safe and where possible an enjoyable Christmas.

Yours Sincerely

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