



31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a peaceful Christmas. In response to the government announcement on 30<sup>th</sup> December, I am writing to outline the changes we are making to the arrangements for the start of the new term.

#### Staff Training for Lateral Flow Testing

As previously communicated, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January is a staff training day and school is closed to pupils. Pupils in Years 7-11 will be able to access lessons remotely from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Pupils in Years 12 and 13 will be able to access lessons remotely from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Lateral Flow Testing

We are busy arranging the site and resources to allow us to support the mass community testing programme. We hope to have detailed information and consent forms available for parents during the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> January. Testing for Years 11 and 13 will take place from 11<sup>th</sup> January, and from 18<sup>th</sup> January for other year groups.

#### Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9:

- will be expected to access remote learning from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January
- will be able to follow the instructions on the school website to access lessons
- will resume face-to-face lessons in school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January

#### Students in Years 10 and 12

- Year 10 will be expected to access remote learning from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 12 will be expected to access remote learning from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January
- Years 10 and 12 will resume face-to-face lessons in school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January

In line with government guidance, we have had to cancel the face-to-face provision planned for Year 10 and 12 students with external vocational examinations in January. These sessions will now take place remotely and information will follow about how to access them:

Year 12 Health & Social Care	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Times TBC
Year 12 Sport	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Times TBC
Year 10 Health & Social Care	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Times TBC

### Students in Years 11 and 13

- Year 11 will be expected to access remote learning from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 13 will be expected to access remote learning from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January
- Years 11 and 13 will resume face-to-face lessons in school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January

Additional study support sessions, for those students involved in external vocational examinations in January, will now be delivered remotely from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January.

### Children of Key Workers

The children of key workers are welcome to attend school as normal from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, even if the rest of their year group is learning remotely. If you would like to book a place for your son or daughter, please email the school before Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Please provide the following information: name, year/tutor group and the dates they will attend school from 5<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> January, as well as your occupation and place of work. Requests only need to be made for the period when your child's year group is learning remotely.

### Vulnerable Children

Vulnerable children should attend school as normal from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Families of vulnerable children will be contacted on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

### External Examinations

External vocational examinations for Year 10-13 students will go ahead as scheduled from 11<sup>th</sup> January. Please see the link to the timetable below.

### Internal Examinations

Year 10 internal examinations have been moved back and will now begin on 18<sup>th</sup> January. Please see the link to the updated timetable below.

### Free School Meals

If your son or daughter is entitled to a free school meal and you would like the school to provide lunch each day, please e-mail the school before Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Please write the words SCHOOL MEAL in the subject of the email.

### IT Access

If your son or daughter will be unable to access an IT device for any reason from 5<sup>th</sup> January, please email the school before 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Please write the words IT SUPPORT in the subject of the email.

### Transport

The school bus service will be operating its normal schedule.

### Clinically Extremely Vulnerable Children

Shielding advice is currently in place in tier 4 areas, and so all children still deemed clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend school. Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend school in all local restriction tiers, in line with the arrangements for their year-group peers. If you have received notification that your child is extremely clinically vulnerable and advised to shield, please contact the school by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

The email address for all correspondence is [info@chs.bwcet.com](mailto:info@chs.bwcet.com).

Examination timetables are available on the website:

<http://www.cardinalhume.com/student-information/examinations/>

I would like to thank you for your support, patience and understanding. You remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Mr. B. Robson



Headteacher