

Dear Parent /Carer

Firstly, I hope that you and your families remain well and had a lovely Christmas.

Additionally, I wish you a Happy New Year and a prosperous 2021. I apologise for contacting you on New Year's Day, however, I wanted to clarify some important information following the recent government announcement on the reopening of schools and mass testing requirements.

On 30 December 2020, the Secretary of State announced some changes to the start of the spring term, applying a version of the previously published contingency framework for education and childcare settings. This was followed up by the publication of some contingency framework implementation guidance and an email to all schools last night.

The key points from these documents, messages and the Cornelius Vermuyden School approach is as follows:

***Please note that this information is accurate at time of sending and may subsequently be altered if the government directives alter.**

The previously announced staggered start has been revised to "allow more time so that every school and college is able to fully roll out mass testing of all pupils and students".

In the week beginning 4 January 2021:

Monday 4 January – This is a remote education day for all students and a training day for staff. Assignments will be posted for all year groups on SMHW by 8.30am.

Tuesday 5 January – Friday 8 January 2021

- Only vulnerable children and children of key workers should be on site.

The parents/carers of vulnerable students will be contacted by Mrs Bainbridge and Mrs Hibben on Monday 4 January by telephone and invited in from Tuesday 5 January onwards.

For any parent/carers that are critical workers and require on site provision for Tuesday 5 January to Friday 8 January 2021, please can you contact admin@corver.rmplc.co.uk before **Sunday 3 January 2021** stating:

- Your name
- Your critical worker role
- Your child's name
- Your child's year group and bubble

All students on site will be placed in separate year group bubbles for education, supervision, and break times. **Any student on site receiving education will be expected to wear full school uniform and follow normal rules, policies and procedures.**

Where there will be highly reduced numbers of students on site, the school will operate a traditional school day of 8.10am – 2.10pm for ALL students until 18 January. The canteen will be open as normal during break times.

Period	Time
Arrival	8.05am
1	8.10am – 9.10am
2	9.10am – 10.10am
Break 1	10.10am – 10.30am
3	10.30am – 11.30am
4	11.30am – 12.30pm
Break 2	12.30pm – 12.50pm
Tutor	12.50pm – 1.10pm
5	1.10pm - 2.10pm
Dismissal	2.10pm

Students will be directed to the appropriate "base" room on their arrival to school.

- Remote education should be provided for exam year groups and “to all other years as resources permit”.

Assignments for all year groups will be posted for all year groups on SMHW.

- Any scheduled vocational exams should go ahead as planned

Year 11 students (27) that are entered for the Music examination on Thursday 7 January should attend school for this examination in full school uniform. This will take place at 9.10am in the main hall. Students taking this examination may arrive on site from 8.00am where staff will be available for any last-minute support. Students are permitted to leave the site as soon as this examination is completed. Parents/Carers should take responsibility for arranging the safe transport of their child from the school site after the examination.

- Schools and colleges “will prepare to test as many staff and students as possible”.

Please see the attached letter and leaflet which contains more information. As soon as delivery of testing devices, training and set up has been completed, I will write to specific tutor/year groups individually inviting them onsite site for testing.

In the week beginning 11 January 2021:

- Vulnerable children, children of key workers and **students in Year 11 should be on site.**

A normal timetable and routines will be applied for Year 11.

- Remote education should be provided for all other students (Year 7, 8, 9 and 10)

It is hoped at this stage, “live” lessons will be delivered on Microsoft Teams in line with the normal timetable. Instructions and expectations will be sent out nearer the time to all parties. If this is not feasible, work will be provided via SMHW.

- Testing “will begin in earnest” for students before their full school return.

In the week beginning 18 January:

- All students should be on site as normal
- Any scheduled vocational exams should go ahead as planned.

Finally, please can I provide a current update regarding Mass Testing (this may be subject to change). All schools with secondary-age pupils will receive an initial delivery of lateral flow device test kits on Monday 4 January. It is anticipated that this delivery will include up to 1000 testing kits, PCR tests and PPE.

Please find the following information regarding this attached:

1. Letter regarding testing in Secondary Schools - More specific details (dates and times) will follow in a separate cover soon.
2. NHS testing leaflet.
3. Testing Consent Form - It is not anticipated that testing will start until WC 11/01/21, therefore, parents/carers will have ample opportunity to pose any questions via normal channels once staff are back on site from 04/01/21.
4. Cornelius Vermuyden School Privacy Notice.
5. Data Protection Parental FAQ - Data Protection

I hope this information provides you with some clarity. Of course, I will update you once I receive more information.

Regards



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