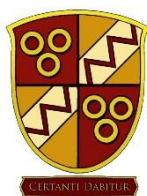


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Executive Principal: Mr J Bush

30th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Staggered Reopening – January 2021

Late this afternoon the Secretary of State for Education made an announcement in Parliament regarding the start of the spring term. This evening Headteachers were emailed with the details. Our arrangements for the start of the Spring Term are:

First week of term

Monday 4th January is an INSET day and staff only will be attending school.

Tuesday 5th January Vulnerable Children & Children of COVID19 Critical Workers Only

The Academy will make appropriate provision for children who are considered vulnerable to attend school, including those in Local Authority care and those with EHCPs. The children of COVID19 critical workers are also able to attend school where alternative childcare arrangements are not possible. Should you require a place for your child due to their vulnerable status, or because you are a COVID19 critical worker, please email schooloffice@oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk to indicate this. COVID19 critical workers should also provide proof of their critical worker status such as a photograph of work identification badge. The only students attending school will be those who have offered a place and asked to attend.

Remote education for exam year groups will begin in line with what they would receive in class and to all other years as resources permit. Students will need to look at their classes in Teams where as soon as possible work will be appearing.

Wednesday 6th January – Friday 8th January

The only students attending school will be those who have offered a place and asked to attend. This will include the students who have exams this first week and Vulnerable Children & Children of COVID19 Critical Workers. Remote education for exam year groups will continue in line with what they would receive in class and to all other years as resources permit. Students will need to look at their classes in Teams where as soon as possible work will be appearing.

Second week of term Monday 11th – Friday 15th January

It is hoped we will be able to start a programme of testing, prioritising staff, those students in school and the exam cohorts. School will be able to bring students back to face-to-face tuition as testing is rolled out. Remote education will be provided to all pupils this week prior to return to school. We will be inviting the students in the exam cohorts back first typically years 11, 12 & 13 once we have finalised the testing procedures. We expect to be able to send further information out once the test equipment and information packs are received during the first week of term.

Third week of term Monday 18th – Friday 22nd January

All students will return to secondary schools for face-to-face education by 18th January unless we directed otherwise by the government.

I would urge all parents / carers **to check the Academy website and their emails on a regular basis.** As soon as I can write to parents / carers with any further details of the January return and the testing process, I will do so.

Once again, thank you for your continued support throughout the ongoing challenges posed by COVID19 and I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Bush
Principal