



31st December 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

Re: Return to school in January

Further to my letter on December 21st, and the recent announcement by the government, I am writing to inform you of the plan for the reopening of the Academy in January 2021.

The Academy will be closed to all students on Monday 4th January to allow for a Logistical Planning Day in order for us to begin making the necessary arrangements to provide on-site testing and to plan for the remote learning that the government have directed us to do at the start of the new term (remote learning will not be provided on this day).

Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th January: All students will remain at home and receive remote learning and the Academy will open to vulnerable students and children of critical workers only.

We are currently in the process of contacting families of vulnerable students to discuss arrangements. Where a parent is a critical worker, and will have issues in terms of child care during this week, please contact the academy in advance of 5th January in order to let us know that they will be attending (by phone on 0113 2739100 or by email info@bishopyoungacademy.co.uk). We would anticipate that critical worker provision would only be needed for students in our younger age groups.

For all other students, face to face learning will be replaced by remote learning which can be accessed through Microsoft Teams; please can all students log-on to Microsoft Teams every morning to complete the work that has been set by their teachers. A live-lesson timetable will be sent by the afternoon of Monday 4th January 2021.

For those students who do not have access to remote learning, we will endeavour to deliver work packs home as soon as possible.

Monday 11th to Friday 15th January: Year 11 students will be in school attending lessons as normal. All other year groups (Years 7, 8, 9 and 10) will remain at home and receive remote learning.

Monday 18th January: All students return to school, unless self-isolating.

We are aware that some of our Year 10 Sport and Health and Social Care students will have an exam during the 2nd week back and we will be in touch with these students separately to organise additional support.

I apologise for having had to change plans so soon after already writing to you, but hope you will appreciate that we remain in a fast moving situation. Should we receive any further guidance I will keep you informed.

May I take this opportunity to wish you health and happiness in 2021 and thank you once again for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

R. Cole
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Head of School

