



Leventhorpe

a business and enterprise academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Response to Government Announcements

On Thursday there were some key announcements from the Department for Education regarding the start of term and the issue of Covid testing in schools. I need to respond to you to inform you how these announcements will affect students at the start of January.

Monday 4th January

This will be an INSET day as planned. However, Year 11 students should come in as requested for their mocks (timetables have been issued).

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 8th January

Year 11 students should attend school for their mock exams and Year 13 students should attend school as usual.

All other students should not attend school and lessons will be delivered online via Teams. Students need to log into lessons at their usual lesson time and staff will be delivering content live. Mr Harvey will send details regarding access to students.

Students of Key Workers can come into school, but these students will need to access lessons via computers in school. Ms Price will contact separately to give details of the Key Worker scheme. School transport will run as usual and there will be a catering provision on site.

Year 11's should attend for mock exams and then leave the site. If they have trapped time between exams, they can stay on-site in the designated study space.

Monday 11th January

All students are to be back in school.

Testing of Staff and Students in school

There were announcements in the media regarding plans to use lateral flow testing for staff and students. These tests are to be undertaken on the school site and results should be available quickly. The aim of the programme is to try to reduce the number of students and staff needing to self-isolate when identified as a close contact and therefore to help maintain face to face education in school. The testing should also help us identify positive cases and manage the spread of the virus locally.

We have been issued with a broad guidance document, but there are a significant number of unanswered questions at this stage. The lack of clarity is significant and there are many operational and practical details that haven't been published. I will give parents more information when we have clarity about the next steps.

Can I remind parents that you have a duty to inform the school of any positive Covid test results up until 24th December using the number 07545 922618.

Please contact the school directly regarding any positive tests from January 4th.

If any parents would be interested in volunteering to support the school in staffing the roll-out of the testing programme by volunteering to work for two hour shifts to help manage the tests, we would be keen to hear from you. Please contact Wendy Shannon on was@leventhorpe.net

Finally, thank you again for your continued support and understanding as we have to adapt our provision.

Malcolm White