



THE WILLINK SCHOOL

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Dear Parent & Carer

Start of Term January 2021

I hope you are well. The Government has updated its guidance regarding the start of term in January and has advised that secondary schools in England should not fully re-open to all students following the Christmas holidays. We will be open from Monday 4th January, as planned, for students classed as vulnerable, for children of key workers, and for students in exam year groups 11 and 13.

If you are a key worker or your child is classed as vulnerable and would like your child to attend school from Monday 4th January onwards, please complete the survey which can be found here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7TBkFO05YU-N3Yhzdei1b73E4_gdiEdLo1JnGMOOwVtUN0IFMk04WUc4SEhDVIRIVExCWE1LN0M5Sy4u

Please complete this survey no later than Tuesday 29 December. The definition of who constitutes as a 'keyworker' and/or 'vulnerable' child may be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

We will only accept students from those parents who have completed the survey as this will be used to inform staffing levels.

Students in years 7 to 10 and 12 will receive their learning remotely for the first week of term (i.e. from Monday 4th to Friday 8th January) and they are required to engage fully with this. The term will begin with the "Rise & Shine" Tutor Meet at 8.40am. Please see our dedicated page on the website for Remote Learning. Children in years 7 to 10 and 12 who are in school will follow this remote learning curriculum whilst in school.

I appreciate and apologise that this change is communicated at such short notice but we were made aware of these new requirements via national news outlets only yesterday afternoon. You will also have read in the media that schools are being offered to conduct lateral flow tests for COVID-19; we will write further once we have received firmer details from the government in this regard. This will include information about consent for these tests.

If you have any questions or concerns, please be aware that, due to the Christmas break, there may be a delay in replying to your query. If we need to send you further details, I shall do so by close of play on December 30th. In the meantime, I wish you a relaxing Christmas holiday and look forward to welcoming students back, either live or remotely on Monday 4th January 2021.

Yours faithfully

Peter Fry, Head