



18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Families,

## **Staggered Return to School in January 2021**

You may have seen in the news yesterday, that the government has announced a staggered return for students at the start of Term 3. The following arrangements will take place from Monday 4 January 2021:

### **Monday 4 January 2021**

Staff INSET day: No students attend (as normal)

### **Tuesday 5 January 2021 to Friday 8 January 2021**

#### **Years 11 & 13**

From Tuesday 5 January students in Year 11 and 13 will attend school as normal.

#### **Vulnerable students and students of critical workers**

From Tuesday 5 January students who have parents that are critical workers, or students who are vulnerable, will attend school as normal, definition of a critical worker can be found [here](#).

If you are critical worker and have a need for your son/daughter to attend school from 5 January, please register at <https://www.hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk/criticalworker> by **8am on Monday 4 January**. For parents/carers of vulnerable students, school leaders will make contact with families on Monday 4 January regarding attendance at school.

#### **Years 10 & 12**

For Years 10 and 12 we will provide online remote education from 5 January until 8 January as per students' normal timetable. This will be as close as possible to the education that your child would receive if they were in school. All work will be set for students on Google Classroom.

#### **Years 7, 8 & 9**

For Years 7, 8 & 9 we will provide online remote education from 5 January until 8 January on a slightly reduced timetable of 3 lessons per day. All work will be set for the students via Show My Homework (SMHW).

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

#### **All Year Groups**

As far as we are aware we will welcome all students back to school for face-to-face lessons from week beginning Monday 11 January at the usual time.

This staggered return is to give us time to establish processes and procedures to roll out on-site COVID-19 rapid testing.

Information we have received so far regarding testing is:

- Students who are identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive will be eligible;
- All staff will be eligible;
- While testing will be optional, we will strongly encourage staff and students to take part;
- We will not ask your child to participate in testing without their consent (or yours, as appropriate);
- Those students returning to school on Tuesday 5 January will be offered testing first;
- If someone tests negative, they will still need to follow our normal social distancing and hygiene measures, including wearing face masks within communal areas;
- If someone tests positive, we will ask them to self-isolate in line with government guidance.

As soon as the government publishes more information on the testing programme, we will inform our families accordingly.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and they are learning remotely you may wish to receive a food parcel for the week. If so, please email [secretary@hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk).

We will write to families again before your son/daughter returns to school to confirm these arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe. If you or your child need us during the period that your child is at home please get in touch on 01732 500600 or email [secretary@hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully,



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