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Reference: Latest return to school information

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the latest Government guidance on students returning to school, we wanted to inform you how students at our school will return.

All students taking an external examination must attend for these examinations and be at their examination venue only, 10 minutes prior to the start time. Any additional preparation sessions will be communicated individually.

What will happen from Monday 4th January 2021?

On Monday 4th January, children of **critical** workers where a place has been requested on the form at [this link](#) (the government's definition of a critical worker can be found [here](#)), and those individually contacted classed as vulnerable (the government's definition of a vulnerable child worker can be found [here](#)), will return to school for a full time, on-site provision. Students should line up at 8.40am as normal.

In addition – if remotely learning is not possible due to poor connectivity or a lack of equipment – your child may attend school. Please complete the critical worker [form](#) to let us know to expect them.

For support with equipment for remote learning – please contact pritchard.d@mar.mmat.org.uk

The deadline for informing us of your wish to take up a critical worker place is 6pm on Sunday 3rd January.

Students in Year groups 11 and 13 this summer will be prioritised to access all courses live via remote learning on Teams.

Students in Year 10 with a GCSE examination in Summer 2021, students in Year 12 Core maths and Year 12 BTEC Science groups will also be prioritised to access those courses live via remote learning on Teams.

For all other year groups and classes, we will also deliver live learning via remote education on Teams unless the teacher is unable to be in the lesson, for example, as a result of the need to plan for the delivery of mass testing of students and staff. We envisage that most lessons will be live.

Where a teacher is not available to deliver live learning – lessons resources will still be provided, students can request support through Teams in those lessons but will need to wait for a reply.

At the start of each lesson, it will be clear if that lesson is “live” or “remote”.

All students are therefore expected to follow their normal timetable of 5 lessons each day and a register will be taken for each session.

What will happen from Monday 11th January 2021?

Students in Year groups 7, 8, 9, and 12 will access live learning on line via Teams in the same way as the previous week.

Students in Year groups 10, 11 and 13 will attend school for full time, on site provision.

What will happen from Monday 18th January 2021?

All students will return to school from all year groups.

Testing for Covid-19

Details on how your child will receive a test will be communicated to you next week.

Year 10 courses with a GCSE examination in the Summer of 2021

English Literature for all students

3D Art – Arbor code: 10Y(x)A3d'c'

WJEC Retail Business – Arbor code: 10Y(x)Bst'c'

Creative Imedia (Graphics and ICT) – Arbor code: 10Y(x)ICT'c'

Health & Social Care – Arbor code: 10Y(x)Hsc'c'

Sports studies – Arbor code: 10Y(x)Ped'c'

Our thanks to all our families for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AP', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alison Pearson
Headteacher