



Ref: KDA/COVID/CHUStaggeredStartParent Update

18th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I am so sorry that I am writing to you on the last day of the term informing you of changes to the start of next term. I am sure that this will cause frustration regarding many things that will need to be organised and put in place as families for Monday 4th January 2021. It is equally frustrating for us, as a school, given the depth of arrangements that need to be put in place for the whole school to accommodate the announcements made last night.

Last night, we received information from the Department for Education that there will be a 'staggered start' to the new school term in January 2021. Considering that we finish for Christmas, today, it has not given us much time to make arrangements for 4th January 2021, but we have made the following arrangements for the start of spring term 2021.

Year 11 students

- Year 11 will be in school in normal face-to-face lessons from Monday 4th January 2021
- Buses will run as normal from Monday 4th January
- Year 11 will have a full catering service
- Year 11 will operate in their COVID learning zone as per normal

Year 7-Year 10 students

- Year 7-Year 10 students will be at home remote learning via Google Classroom from Monday 4th January to Friday 8th January, inclusive
- Students were informed of this in school, today, and reminded of their Google Classroom details
- Their school day will be fully replicated, online, via Google Classroom from Monday 4th January to Friday 8th January inclusive
- This is in line with our remote learning principles which can be found on our school website by following this link <http://culchethhigh.org.uk/curriculum-updates/>
- Year 7-Year 10 students will, physically, return to school on Monday 11th January 2021

Key Worker Students

- Provision will be made for children of key workers in school
- They will follow the online Google Classroom curriculum as per the 'remote learning' students
- Key worker students will be supervised in an ICT room within their year group learning zone working on Google Classroom
- Key worker students attending school will need to follow all of their year group learning zone protocols including their allocated entry/exit points
- To register your child/children for key worker provision please complete the online registration form by following this link <https://forms.gle/3H8XR8DzTkrS6i7B6>
- For the first day, catering arrangements may not be in place so we would encourage students to bring a packed lunch and snacks
- We will endeavour to set up a 'Grab and Go' order service for the rest of the week and will keep you fully posted

EHCP students/Vulnerable students

- Staff from Culcheth High School will be making telephone calls to families, today to make arrangements for Monday 4th January for identified students and families

Year 7-Year 10 Free School Meal Provision from Monday 4th January

- We will be making arrangements on Monday 4th January with our catering team to provide packed lunches that can be collected from school or delivered if needed. We will keep you posted.

Technology/Internet Access for Remote Learning

- If any student or family does not have access to technology or the internet to support remote learning for the week commencing Monday 4th January then please contact the school via the info@culchethhigh.org.uk email detailing your situation
- We will endeavour to do our best to support you in the best way that we can from Monday 4th January 2021

School COVID Testing Centres

- On Wednesday, we were informed by the Department for Education that we will need to implement plans to have an onsite COVID Testing Centre from Monday 4th January
- We have had very limited information and guidance regarding this
- Once we have further information and detailed plans, we will give you full details of the school's plans with regards the testing centre

Once again, my apologies for the inconvenience that this late Department for Education decision will cause. As a school, we will endeavour to implement all elements of the plan to ensure a smooth and continual school provision for all students for the start of the new term on Monday 4th January 2021.

However, there is light at the end of the tunnel. The next term will be crucial in getting school life back to some sort of normality for summer and beyond. We are looking forward to the challenges ahead in the New Year with a real sense of hope that our collective effort over Christmas and the spring term will lead to the least amount of disruption to school life in the New Year.

I trust that everyone will enjoy their Christmas break and that you all take care of each other. I look forward to celebrating more of the successes of our staff and students in 2021 and will see Year 11 students back in school, for the start of a better year than this year, on Monday 4th January 2021 and all other students back in school on Monday 11th January 2021.

I hope you all have a happy, safe and restful break. Merry Christmas everyone.

Yours faithfully



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