



Ref: KDA/COVID/CHUStaggeredStartParent Update

5th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

What a difference a day makes. Another day, another decision and another letter from me. I can only apologise. I am sure that you share the same level of frustration and dismay that I feel in how schools and young people have been treated in the last few weeks. It saddens me, greatly, that we cannot welcome students back in to school for a period of time. I fully understand and appreciate why the decision has been made, but how it has been made and the implications for students, families and schools are huge, and causes a wide range of issues for all involved.

Here are the latest developments and these are, unfortunately, subject to further reviews and changes. From now on, I will be instigating the bi-weekly parental update and will be streamlining parental communications as per the last lockdown period.

Year 7 - 11 students

- All students will be at home remote learning via Google Classroom from Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February, inclusive
- February 12th to February 21st is February half-term
- National Lockdown review scheduled for Monday 22nd February
- Their school day will be fully replicated, online, via Google Classroom throughout the term up until and including Friday 12th February
- 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/>
- These principles are currently being updated to reflect further changes that will be implemented later this week, which will include engagement monitoring, form tutor online registration and enhanced video content

GCSE Exams 2021

- The National Lockdown Guidance (05/01/21) states *'In the circumstances, we do not think it is possible for all exams in the summer to go ahead as planned. We will accordingly be working with Ofqual to consult rapidly to put in place alternative arrangements that will allow students to progress fairly.'*
- Further press statements, today, state that the Secretary for Education will be making a statement to parliament, tomorrow, Wednesday 6th January
- Until we know what the alternative plans are, we will continue to plan for assessments of some kind to take place for Year 11 students in 2021 to support their GCSE grades
- Further information to follow, when we know more
- I would be grateful if parents/carers of Year 11 students could remind their child/children that engagement and completion of remote work will be crucial in their preparation for GCSE grades in summer 2021, however they will be awarded
- I will reiterate this message in my online assembly

Key Worker Students

- To register your child/children for key worker provision please complete the online registration form by following this link <https://forms.gle/3H8XR8DzTkrS6i7B6>
- 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
- From Monday 11th January there will be no catering arrangements so students will need to bring a packed lunch and snacks

EHCP students/Vulnerable students

- Staff from Culcheth High School have made telephone calls to families to make arrangements for identified students and families throughout the remote learning period

Free School Meal Provision from Monday 11th January

- School staff will be making arrangements for the free school supermarket voucher scheme to be reintroduced from Monday 11th January. The school team will be in contact with families through the usual communication channels

Technology/Internet Access for Remote Learning

- If any student or family does not have access to technology or the internet to support remote learning, during the remote learning period, 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 during the remote learning period and beyond

School COVID Testing Centres

- The school has paused all plans for the mass testing of students
- The school has set up a testing centre to support the testing of school staff and capacity can be increased in readiness for mass student testing, if or when required

Once again, my apologies for another update. Unfortunately these plans are subject to reviews and changes in line with wider government guidance. As a school, we will endeavour to implement all elements of these plans to ensure a smooth and continual school provision for all students over the coming challenging few weeks.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Yours faithfully



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