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**Ref: Arrangements for the return to education in January 2021**

Dear parents/carers and students

Further to the release last Thursday (which you can read [here](#)) from the Department for Education (DfE) regarding a staggered return to school in January, I write to outline the initial plans in place for the first week of the new term.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021      Training Day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021      Year 11, 13, vulnerable and critical worker children return to school.  
Years 7 to 10, & 12 commence lessons online for the remainder of the week.  
(More details below)

**Nb: Parents/carers of vulnerable and key worker children must contact [reception@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:reception@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk) on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to confirm their child's attendance at school.**

**Definitions of vulnerable and critical worker children can be found on pages 2 & 3 of this letter.**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021      All years return to school

**Online Learning**

From Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January inclusive, all lessons for Years 7 - 10 & 12 will be online via MS Teams and will follow students' normal timetable and timings of lessons. Students must log on at 9am every morning for registration and then again to each individual lesson afterwards.

Online learning is at its best if students engage visually and verbally, just as they would in the classroom, and therefore all students are encouraged to ensure their cameras are on.

Any family who has concerns about their child's ability to access online learning, either because of available hardware or internet should contact [reception@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:reception@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk) on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January and we will work to help resolve the issue.

In the latest release from the DfE, reference was also made to plans for lateral flow testing of students in school. However, details of this potential roll out are not yet clear and I will write to you again in due course when I have been provided with more information.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing

Yours sincerely

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**Vulnerable children and young people include those who:**

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
  - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services
  - adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
  - those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
  - those living in temporary accommodation
  - those who are young carers
  - those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example, due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study)
  - care leavers
  - other children and young people at the provider and local authority's discretion including pupils who need to attend to receive support or manage risks to their mental health

**Critical workers**

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

**Health and social care**

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

**Education and childcare**

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

**Key public services**

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

### **Local and national government**

This only includes:

- those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies

### **Food and other necessary goods**

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

### **Public safety and national security**

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

### **Transport**

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

### **Utilities, communication and financial services**

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors