

31 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We trust you and your families are all safe and well. Thank you to all those parents/carers who have completed the form included in my letter dated 19 December 2020, providing consent for the mass asymptomatic testing which will begin in January along with places in our key working school from Tuesday 5 January. Thank you to all those who are willing to support this programme. Your response has been overwhelming, building up a real sense of us fighting the virus together and reinforcing our sense of community.

Reminder - we intend to begin testing all students who want to participate from week commencing 11 January 2021. If you are happy for your child to be tested, please complete our [RAPID TESTING FORM](#). There is an instructional diagram included in the form highlighting the testing steps. The form also contains a section for access to our KEY WORKER SCHOOL - please read the eligibility criteria carefully.

The current local situation in Bristol and North Somerset is currently better than the national average, meaning we will remain in Tier 3 of the national restrictions whilst many other areas are placed in Tier 4 from today. However, this provides little comfort given the national picture, and our thoughts go out to any families whose members have been affected.

Yesterday's news of the approval of the Oxford Astra-Zeneca vaccine is a positive step which will only help to accelerate the vaccination programme, but it is clear that we will continue to face some significant disruption to our lives during the coming months. Yesterday, the Department for Education announced further details on the beginning of Term 3 and this is outlined in a table below for clarity.

Please note the following:

- Any student taking an external exam should attend on the day of their exam. This concerns students studying Year 11 business and Year 12 Health and Social Care.
- Key Working School for eligible students opens from Tuesday 5 January. Students attend in full uniform.
- Year 11 Mock exams will now begin on Monday 18 January 2021
- Buses will run as normal from Tuesday 5 January 2021.
- Your child should attend school as normal from Tuesday 5 January 2021 if:
 - you have requested a place because you are a key worker or
 - Your child has been identified as someone who would benefit from the additional support and structure that being in school with a teacher will provide to support engagement with our Learning@Home programme. We are asking a selected group of students amongst those that are not self-isolating to continue to attend school so that we can support them with their learning.

Date	Years 11 and Year 13	Years 7,8,9,10,12	Key Working School
Monday 4 January	INSET day		
Tuesday 5 January	Learning@Home	Learning@Home	Open to all eligible students - places to be booked as part of RAPID TESTING FORM Buses run as normal Aspens will offer a modified menu for break time and lunch time
Wednesday 6 January	Learning@Home	Learning@Home	
Thursday 7 January	Learning@Home	Learning@Home	
Friday 8 January	Learning@Home	Learning@Home	
Saturday 9 January Sunday 10 January			
Monday 11 January	Attend school as normal Asymptomatic Testing programme begins Weekly Testing for staff	Learning@Home	Open to all eligible students - places to be booked as part of RAPID TESTING FORM Buses run as normal Aspens will offer a modified menu for break time and lunch time
Tuesday 12 January		Learning@Home	
Wednesday 13 January		Learning@Home	
Thursday 14 January		Learning@Home	
Friday 15 January		Learning@Home	
Saturday 16 January Sunday 17 January			
Monday 18 January	All students in all year groups attend school as normal Asymptomatic Testing programme continues Weekly Testing for staff Year 11 Mock Exams begin		

This reflects our plans based on the announcement yesterday and we will inform you of any changes to this programme should any guidance change once term begins.

Thank you once again for your continued support and wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Best wishes



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