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Friday, December 18, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to the Government's announcements this week, I am writing to you to clarify arrangements for the students' return to school in January.

Week Beginning 4th January

Arrangements will be dependent upon year group as follows:

Year 11 and 13

Year 11 and 13 will be educated on site as normal. On Monday 4th January, they should arrive on school site at the later time of 10am.

Year 11 should access the school site through the front gates and go straight to Registration.
Year 13 should access the school site through the gym gates and go straight to Period 2.

For the rest of the week, Year 11 and 13 students should arrive at should at their normal time of 8.30am.

Year 12

Year 12 mock examinations are due to take place in the week beginning 4th January. These will still go ahead, but students will be required to attend site for their examinations only, with the remainder of the time as study leave. Mrs Whitehead will be emailing parents and students later today with the exact arrangements.

Years 7 to 10

These year groups will be following a programme of remote learning and **should not** attend school. The only exception to this is for vulnerable children or children of key workers, but these students should only attend where there is no alternative. It is expected that the vast majority will be able to work from home to help us minimise transmission rates. Any student in these year groups attending the school site will be kept in their year group bubble and will complete the same work as those being educated from home. If you require your child to attend the school site during this week, please email us on admin@boswells-school.com by midday on Saturday 2nd January.

On Monday 4th January, students being educated remotely should access their work through Show My Homework. As with the students attending the school site, work will be available from period 2 and students should follow their normal timetable.

I will be writing to parents on Monday 4th January to explain the remote provision that will be available to Years 7 to 10 students from Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th January. This will include some live



lessons taught via Microsoft Teams for all year groups. Full details and instructions of when and how to access Microsoft Teams will be communicated in that letter.

Free School Meals

Parents of students on Free School Meals will receive vouchers through Wonde (schoolvouchers) for the week beginning 4th January. This is the same platform that is being used to supply vouchers over the Christmas holidays.

Week beginning 11th January

As it stands, all year groups will return to being educated on the school site from Monday 11th January.

Mass Testing

You may have seen in the media the announcement that mass COVID-19 testing will be available for secondary schools and colleges from January. It is important to share with our community that we were only informed of this development on Tuesday. There is a significant amount of preparation required before this approach can be implemented and we have not yet received any of the equipment or training necessary for this testing to take place. Therefore, the current approach to contact tracing, self-isolation for close contacts and remote learning will continue until such time that a testing approach is implemented. Until we receive the equipment and guidance I cannot yet confirm a timescale for any changes. We will write to you with further information about the approach including the approach to consent, once we have more details, in the new year.

Clearly, the situation is changing very quickly. Thank you once again for your understanding and support during these unprecedented times. If anything changes, we will aim to inform you as soon as is practicable.

The weekly Parents' Newsletter will be sent as usual later today, but please do have a safe and restful Christmas break.

Best wishes,



Mr Stephen Mansell
Headteacher