



18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As you may be aware, the Department for Education announced yesterday that there will be a staggered start for students returning to face-to-face education in the first week of January 2021. As with all announcements through lockdown we received this information at the same time it was released to the general public.

I am sure you will agree our response to this announcement must also serve the best interests of all stakeholders at Denton Community College. We will therefore confirm our operational arrangements for the week beginning Tuesday 5th January over the next few days.

At this point in time we expect that that:

- Year 11 will be in school as normal to prepare for their mock examinations
- Year 11 mock examinations will take place as planned
- The BTEC Music exam will take place as planned (Thursday 7th January)
- The Cambridge National Child Development exam will take place as planned (Wednesday 13th January)
- All other year groups will follow their normal timetable and access their learning virtually through the usual online platforms
- Registration / Tutorial will operate
- vulnerable children, those with an EHCP and those whose parents identify as Key Workers will be allocated a place in College upon request. Whilst in College these students will follow the same virtual curriculum as those working online at home

At this time, I am confident that the final arrangements for students will bear a strong resemblance to the curriculum outlined here. Whilst there is no better place to learn than face-to-face with your teacher, the Home Learning aspects of our curriculum which were implemented this year we're done so to prepare our students for a scenario such as this.

Finally, I would like to confirm that we aim to finalise and confirm our final arrangements with you before Christmas. These arrangements will be emails directly and placed on the College website.

Thank you once again for the continued support in the education of the young people of Denton.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Rule', is positioned above the printed name.

Greg Rule  
Headteacher