



RE: Covid-19 Update

Dear Parents / Carers

Following the government announcement on **Wednesday 30th December 2020**, I am writing to you to clarify the current local position regarding the return of students to education in **January 2021**.

Since our return in **September 2020**, the primary focus of all the staff at Denton Community College has been:

- The safe return of all our students to the classroom and learning
- Supporting students in catching up with curriculum content to build knowledge and develop understanding

The changes we have made to our curriculum in recent months has built resilience in our students, developed their ability to work independently and maintained their familiarity in online learning.

The decision by the government to place Tameside in Tier 4 from **Thursday 31st December 2020** means that students will now face a staggered return to education in **January 2021**. As is currently stands:

- Year 11 students will return to full time, face-to-face education from **Monday 11th January 2021**.
- Year 11 students will be able to access the curriculum remotely from **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.
- Year 11 students will therefore return for their mock examinations on **Monday 11th January 2021**.
- Year 11 students who are due to sit the BTEC Music exam must attend school on **Thursday 7th January** to undertake this exam as planned.
- Vulnerable students and the children of key workers will be able to access a face-to-face curriculum from **Tuesday 5th January 2021**. Mr Cumming will be emailing parents and carers with further details regarding this curriculum over the next 24 hours.
- All students will be able to access their curriculum remotely from **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.
- All students will return to face-to-face education from **Monday 18th January 2021**.

I hope this letter provides some clarity with regards to arrangements for the first two weeks in **January 2021**. As announced by the government these arrangements are subject to change, I will therefore update parents and carers as and when further announcements are made.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Rule", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Greg Rule
Headteacher