



31 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that the Christmas break has been one in which you have been able to see your loved ones, even if only at a distance or with the benefit of technology. The unusual holiday period runs into an unusual start of term, one that we have been speculating about since the end of term announcement about the delayed start.

I know that for students, staff and their families, clarity about arrangements is important and therefore I have been planning for various scenarios knowing that the time between announcement and start of term would be noticeably short.

This is a brief outline of arrangements and will be followed up over the coming days with more detailed information.

Start of Term Arrangements

In line with the Government's advice Duke's Aldridge Academy will only be open to vulnerable children from Tuesday 5th January.

Families who receive free school meal vouchers will continue to receive them for the weeks commencing 4th and 11th January 2021.

Monday 4th January is an INSET day.

Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th January

All students will be learning remotely, except for vulnerable and children of key workers.

If your child fits either of these categories and you will be sending your child into school next week, please [click here](#) to complete the form. We need to know numbers in advance to plan for staffing and rooming.

All students will be following their normal timetables and will have remote learning tasks set or be having live lessons via Google Classroom.

More details about the types of remote learning and the timings of the lessons will follow on Monday 4th January.

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Testing:

We will be training the testing staff in this first week of January and setting up the testing facilities. We will be bringing year groups in for testing as and when we have the capacity to do so. More details about all of this will follow on Tuesday 5th January.

Week Beginning 11th January

Students in years 7-10 will continue with remote learning. Year 11 will return to the school site for learning and testing.

A testing schedule for the other year groups will also begin. Details of this will follow.

Week Beginning 18th January

All students will return to the school site.

Public Examinations

Year 11 students that have scheduled public examinations in January will still sit these examinations.

I will write with more detail when I have had a chance to meet with my team and share information with staff.

Yours faithfully,



Ms M Duncan
Principal