

Date: 31/12/20



Re: Update to starting dates for January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing time with your families. I would also like to wish you a safe and happy New Year, although a very different one now that we are in a tier 4 area.

Today, I am writing to you to confirm our start of term arrangements for different year groups following the announcement made on 30th December by the Secretary of State for Education. As a secondary school we are expected to extend the staggered return of our students to give more time for the rollout of testing. This will help find asymptomatic cases and break chains of transmission, making it as safe as possible to return to face-to-face education.

For the school week beginning Tuesday 5th January only students identified as vulnerable or on the critical worker accepted list will be attending school. Parents/carers of children identified as vulnerable have already received a letter about this. If you are a **critical worker** and consider that your child **is unable to access remote learning and work from home** then you must **complete this [google form](#)** (set-up prior to the end of term) **by 3pm Sunday the 3rd of January 2021**, so we can prepare and confirm places on Monday. The information below outlines the first three weeks of term;

Training Day for staff Monday 4th January 2021

Week beginning Tuesday 5th January

In School: Vulnerable children and the children of critical workers with a confirmed place.

Remote Learning: for ALL year groups.

Week beginning Monday 11th January

In School: Vulnerable children and the children of critical workers with a confirmed place.

In School: Year 11 and Year 13 students.

Remote Learning: Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.





Week beginning Monday 18th January




In School: All students.

During the second week of term, secondary schools are expected to start a programme of testing, prioritising staff and those students in school that week. This programme of testing poses many logistical challenges for schools, not least the speed at which we need to have our plans in place. I have been promised by the DFE that a batch of test kits and PPE will arrive in school on Monday 4th January. There are some online training opportunities on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th January for Testing Team Leaders, and only access to the army via a webinar call. Following this we will be preparing our test area and training staff - which for a school of our size requires 17 positions to be filled. Once Bosworth Academy has these in place it will allow for regular screening of staff and students, and for close contacts of a positive case to remain in school if they take a daily test for 7 school days. This COVID-19 testing in school will make our Academy safer by identifying asymptomatic cases and hugely reducing the number of children needing to be sent home to isolate for 10 days as close contacts (especially important in a Tier 4 area). Consent from parents will be sought, of course, and I will write to you again with more details and consent forms by Tuesday 5th January.

Regardless of whether students are working in school or remotely all will attend the same lessons - either virtually or in person. There have been some slight changes to the timings of lessons to allow for better remote working conditions. **The table below shows when lessons will begin and tutor check-in starts at 8.40am.** This is the same timetable as usual though break and lunch times have all been brought in line for all years.

Year	08:25	08:40	09:00	10:00	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00	13:30	14:00	15:00
7	Students arrive and report to tutor.	Tutor Time	P1	P2		P3		P4	P5	End of school day		
8			P1	P2		P3		P4	P5			
9			P1	P2		P3		P4	P5			
10			P1	P2		P3		P4	P5			
11			P1	P2		P3		P4	P5			
12			P1	P2		P3		P4	P5			
13			P1	P2		P3		P4	P5			

 Students working remotely unless identified as Vulnerable or Critical-Worker group
 Students should be in school

 Lesson
 Break
 Canteen Lunch for those in school

Children in receipt of Free School Meals will continue to be provided with a voucher as they have been over the Christmas period, please contact school directly if you experience any problems with this. Students arriving at school who are part of the vulnerable and critical worker group will be directed to a tutor base where they will be able to remain socially distanced from each other and in a year group bubble. Students

in school will then go to their normal lessons. Therefore, it is essential that they bring all the required equipment to facilitate their learning, including a charged iPad.

Students working from home MUST access tutor time and lessons from 8.40am each day and be dressed appropriately. All lessons will be of high quality with a majority of lessons having a live element conducted live via Google Meet. Teachers will upload learning resources to their Google Classrooms/Satchel One or email students with details about how to join each lesson so students will need to check and read their emails regularly. If your child has any IT issues around remote learning

then they or you should email ictsupport@bosworthacademy.org.uk for support.

It is so important that all students engage in learning when working from home and we appreciate the support from parents in ensuring that this takes place. Teachers will be regularly checking that students are engaged with remote learning and will be informing parents and Heads of Year if they have concerns about a student. Students who do not engage in lessons will need to complete after-school catch-up sessions on their return. If your child is unwell then please contact the school so we are made aware of this using the address; attendance@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Once again this is an extraordinary way to communicate with you just before New Year, though very typical of 2020! Let's hope things change for the positive as we enter 2021. Once again I wish you a happy, safe New Year, and we look forward to welcoming back all our students in the coming weeks.



Mr. S. Brown
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