



MURRAY PARK SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 11, keyworker/vulnerable family children return on 4th January; Year 7, 8, 9, 10 return on 11th January.

As you may be aware, the government have announced for the week beginning 4th of January only Year 11, those children with key worker parents and vulnerable students will return to school. The majority of students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will learn from home and return on 11th January.

We are now well versed in home learning and will endeavour to ensure students receive the best possible experience during the week. Students will be taught live lessons, for the majority of subjects, through the Microsoft Teams platform in their class pages. Students will follow their usual school timetable which can be found in their planner or on Go4Schools. For example, if a student has Geography with Mr Heaney on Monday Period one, they will access on-line learning via their Geography class page on Monday at 9.00.

Microsoft Teams

Microsoft Teams is the video conferencing platform we use to deliver live lessons through. Students are familiar with the system. It can be accessed via a web browser on any computer with an internet connection, or by using the application on a smartphone or tablet computer. Please see the video which will be posted on the website in January to demonstrate how to access Teams.

Device Access

If you do not have a device such as a laptop or tablet in your household suitable for accessing Microsoft Teams please email the senior team on slt@murraypark.derby.sch.uk and we will endeavour to provide one, where our stocks allow.

Keyworker School

We are able to offer a keyworker school, in similar arrangements to lockdown, for children of parents who are unable to have them at home for the week. Please see the government approved list of keyworker job roles: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>. Please email slt@murraypark.derby.sch.uk to enquire.

COVID Testing

We will begin Covid testing, at the government's request, during the new term and will contact you when arrangements are confirmed.

Thank you for all your support in the background – it is much appreciated. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a restful break and a happy new year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Caley
Headteacher