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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the guidance set out by the Government on 17th December and the Government's announcement on Wednesday 30th, this letter sets out further information regarding the start of term at Kineton High School. The latest guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021>

You'll be aware that the topic of schools reopening is highly debated in the media; we will continue to monitor and adjust arrangements following any further announcements over the next fortnight. All actions and decisions taken will be in the best interests and safety of our community. We will continue the 'bubble' system and maintain protocols for mitigating risk of transmission. These include, wearing face coverings in social spaces and encouraging frequent hand cleansing.

This letter is set out in four sections for clarity; not every section will be relevant to all students. Please read carefully:

1. Remote Learning for all year groups the week beginning 4th January.

All year groups will now stay at home for the week beginning Monday 4th January and can expect to be learning remotely from Tuesday 5th January. It is paramount that students have access to their Teams accounts and have access to an electronic device.

Students should expect to broadly follow their normal timetable and should be ready to learn by 8.40am each day. They will be invited to join a roll-call with their form tutor at 8.30am on Teams. There will be 'live' lessons on Teams which will involve teacher input and time for independent activity. They may have pre-recorded material to access and opportunities to ask teachers questions either live; via Teams or on email. All activities should be undertaken and when relevant, work should be submitted online for review by the class teacher. The school's remote learning document can be found on our website here: <https://kinetonhighschool.org.uk/curriculum/remote-learning>

Safeguarding reminder: Cameras and microphones should be turned off unless the teacher invites the group to turn them on. Students should be dressed appropriately and with a suitable background.

If your child does not have access to a device, please inform the school immediately so that we can support accordingly: enquiries@kinetonhighschool.org.uk

Week beginning 11th January

At the time of writing, Years 11 and 13 will return to school at the usual time on Monday 11th January. They should go to their normal positions and take their usual mode of transport. School will begin at 8.25am.

Year 11 Mock Exams: These will now begin on the week beginning 11th January. Any changes to the timetable will be sent next week.

Week beginning 18th January

We anticipate and look forward to seeing all our students back in school on Monday 18th January.

2. Critical workers and vulnerable students

The school is open for the attendance of children whose parents are critical workers and who are at work during the week of the 4th January. Students should stay home if they are old enough to. School is also open to students who are vulnerable and who have an EHCP. They will undertake the same remote learning as their peers and have break and lunchtimes in a similar way to normal. Our vulnerable students will be contacted on Monday 4th January to check what provision they will be using to access their learning from Tuesday 5th January.

If your child requires a place in school on the 5th-15th January, please complete the survey below as soon as possible: <https://southam.survey.fm/critical-worker-in-school-provision>

Students should take their usual mode of transport and wait in the playground area for collection by school staff.

All students who attend school are expected to wear full uniform. If they wish to bring in their own laptop or device and head sets, they are welcome to do so but this will be at their own risk.

3. Refreshments and meals

For students who are in school, the dining rooms and canteen will be open as usual on the week beginning Monday 4th January. Please ensure that students' accounts are topped up via Parent Pay. Please note, that due to very small numbers of students being in school, there will be a limited choice of food.

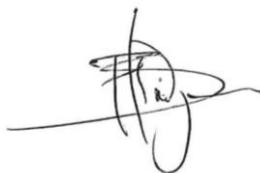
Students entitled to Free School Meals who are staying at home between 5th-15th January will have a package of food delivered early each week. This will contain sufficient food supplies to make lunchtime meals during the week. The parcels will be made up in school and brought to homes. If you have any questions about this service, please contact the school in the usual way.

4. 'Lateral Flow' testing in school

During the week of Monday 4th January the school will be preparing to test students and staff for coronavirus using the Lateral Flow tests. This will enable us to keep staff and students in school through a frequent testing regime. An invitational letter explaining this process and a consent form will be sent to all parents and carers on Monday 4th January. Parental consent for students under the age of 16 is required. There will be a trained team of staff and volunteers to carry out this supervised process. We aim to begin testing all staff, followed by Year 13 and Year 11. A schedule will be created for early testing of all other year groups.

Thank you for your support. Have a peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Bridge
Headteacher