



# THE BURGESS HILL ACADEMY

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Principal: Mr Jon Francies

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I hope you are well and hope you have managed to enjoy the festive break as best you can under the current tier 4 restrictions. I am mindful that this period has been very different for us all, our families, friends and our academy community but I am extremely hopeful and optimistic that 2021 will prove to be a far better year for us all.

I am writing further to my recent communications to inform you of what the government's announcement on Wednesday 30 December 2020 means for our academy. The headlines are:

- The academy community remain under tier 4 restrictions.
- In light of the exceptional circumstances, an additional INSET day has been arranged on Monday 4 January 2021 for staff training and other planning purposes. The academy will be closed to all students on this day, with sincere apologies for the late notice of this day.
- The opening plans for the next two weeks are as follows:
  - The children of critical workers and specifically identified children will be able to attend the academy in person as planned from Tuesday 5 January 2021. If you are a critical worker, thank you for completing the online form in my letter dated 18 December 2020 to confirm your child's attendance.
  - Year 11 students will now return to the academy from Monday 11 January 2021. For those sitting vocational exams, these will go as planned. We will contact with more info. Remote learning will be provided to Year 11 students from Tuesday 5 January 2021 until Friday 8 January 2021.
  - Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will now return to the academy from Monday 18 January 2021. There will be activities set for the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> Jan and remote learning will be provided to students from Monday 11 January until Friday 15 January 2021.
  - During our phased return, families will still be able to collect Free School Meal parcels from the academy.

We will contact parents with more details on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan.

During the first week of term, we will be looking at the plans for the testing of staff and students and I will be in touch in due course with further information.

I wish you all a very safe and peaceful remainder of this holiday period and a very Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

Jon Francies  
Principal