

2nd January 2021



Dear Parent / Carer

Arrangements for the Start of Term

May I first wish you a happier new year in 2021.

We are now in a position to confirm the arrangements for next week:

Key Worker / Vulnerable Students

Provision for key worker (KW) and vulnerable students (VS), as defined by the Government: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#critical-workers> will begin on Monday 4th January 2021.

KW/VS students in years 7, 8 & 9

Arrive at 08:15 at reception

KW/VS students in year 10

Arrive at 09:30 at reception

KW/VS students in year 11

Arrive at 09:50 at reception

To register for this provision, you must have completed our google form:

<https://forms.gle/7VEBmZDL7Ph6PtqR9>

You can complete it now if you haven't done so previously. If you've already completed it you don't need to resubmit it.

There is no key worker provision for the sixth form because they can work from home on their remote learning tasks independently (as set out below) and reduce the number of people who need to be on site.

Students should:

- arrive on time
- be in full school uniform, including their tie, their lanyard **and a face covering.**

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They will be taught in their year group bubbles with separate breaks and lunches, the same as before the holidays. Their dismissal times will be the same as before the holidays.

Our full system of controls for Coronavirus remain in place.

All Other Students

All other students in years 7 – 13 must not come to the school site next week, unless invited for exams or testing.

Remote learning, using our Google Classroom platform will commence as follows:

Years 11 & 13	Monday 4 th January 2021
Years 7 – 10 & 12	Tuesday 5 th January 2021

It is important that all students log in to their school accounts on Monday or Tuesday morning as set out above. Work will be set there for all subjects.

Tutors will also resume calling each of their tutees each week to check on their welfare and progress.

There are currently plans to stagger the return to school for all year groups in the coming weeks, starting with year 11 and year 13 who have exams later this year. I will write to you again when the dates for this are confirmed, although the expectation at the moment is Monday 11th January for years 11 & 13 and Monday 18th January for all other year groups.

Exams will also go ahead during the next two weeks as planned. We will ensure students know the latest plans.

We also intend to start a programme of testing for all staff and students beginning on Thursday of next week. There will be separate communication about this in due course.

I know that this is a challenging time for families. If you have any questions please email the Deputy Principals, Mr Trehearn at: strehearn@thequestacademy.org.uk or Mr Beecham at: tbeecham@thequestacademy.org.uk and we will try and help.

Thank you for your cooperation and forbearance.

Yours faithfully



Mr A. Crofts
Principal