



Monday, 04 January 2021

Dear Parents,

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE START OF THE SPRING TERM – UPDATE 04.01.21

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well. I am writing to let you know that we have reviewed our initial responses to the demands that have been placed on us by the DfE this week. We believe that, as far as we are able to, learning should continue as a priority, without interruption. Therefore, we feel that we are able to create the capacity to set remote learning for all year groups from Tuesday 5th January, including Year 12 and students in Key Stage 3 (years 7-9). Please ask your child to check work set on TEAMS.

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 8th January – the school is open only for students of critical workers and other DfE defined eligible students from 9:00am.

All year groups will be taught remotely and learning tasks will be set through Microsoft TEAMS from Tuesday 5th January.

- Students will need to log in before 10:00am every morning starting from Tuesday 5th January and respond to the registration question of the day. We will be monitoring student access to our online platforms and ask parents to support their children to engage fully with this.

Monday 11th January – Years 11 and 13 students are scheduled to return for lessons in school. All other year groups will remain at home and continue with the Remote Learning Contingency Plan .

- Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 will be taught remotely through Microsoft Teams all week. A combination of live lessons and online set tasks with useful guidance found here: Remote Learning Information.

Monday 18th January

- Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will return to Rooks Heath School to be taught in school unless the guidance changes. Please note, no-one should attend education or childcare if they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or are self-isolating due to symptoms in their household.



If your child has no access to a computer or the internet, please ensure that you have completed our [Student Internet Access Survey](#), so that paperwork can be prepared for collection during the first day back (a phone call will be made when the paper pack is ready for collection).

If your child doesn't have access to a laptop but does have a PlayStation 4 or Xbox One games console (or newer versions), Microsoft Teams, SharePoint and Office 365 including browser versions of MS Word, PowerPoint and Excel, can be accessed via the console internet browser from our school website. Wireless keyboard and mouse sets can also be connected to these consoles. If using a games console, your child may find the speed of connection is slightly slower than when using a laptop or desktop computer.

If your child has any technical difficulties accessing our online systems, please check the [FAQ's on our website](#). If you are still experiencing problems, please contact us via the [ICT Support desk](#).

Yours sincerely

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