

31 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Following yesterday's Government announcement that sees Cornwall move to Tier 3 and further adjustments to school opening, I am writing to update you on the plans for the week commencing the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### Start of the Spring Term

If you have been following the Government's announcements, you will be aware that schools will be undertaking mass-testing for COVID-19 on site in January and therefore a further staggered approach to students returning to schools has been directed.

After the announcements from the Government last night, the new start dates for year groups are as follows:

Year Group	On line learning	In school
7	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
8	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
9	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
10	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
11	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2021

We have prioritised Key Stage 4 to have access to remote learning due to these year groups taking exams the soonest. Students in Year 11 who have a Travel and Tourism exam during the first week of term will be contacted separately on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January as this exam will still be going ahead.

### Critical Workers and Vulnerable Students

If your child falls in to the category of vulnerable (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021>) or has parents who are critical workers (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>), then they may attend the school based hub from Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January providing they have pre-booked a place. A link to a booking form will be sent out on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January and will need to be completed to secure a place. The students will be supervised in this provision to access school work.

We will write to you again early next week to explain the roll out of the mass testing programme and to try to answer a number of the inevitable questions that you will have.

In the meantime, I wish you all a safe and healthy New Year.

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