



4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: School Return Update 4<sup>th</sup> January**

I hope that you and your family have had a safe and holy Christmas. I am sure that you will have been following the news as closely as I have been, and I wanted to write to you today as we enter our final week of the Christmas break. Everything written below is correct as of the morning of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. If anything changes in line with Government announcements, I shall of course be in touch again.

In line with Government announcements the arrangements for students to return to school in January are:

- Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January; Year 11 students return for face-to-face learning in school at 8.30am
- Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January; Year 10 - 7 students will receive remote learning and therefore should **not** attend school. They should follow their normal timetable, as is written in their planner, including Form time. All Zoom codes have already been sent to you in a letter from Mrs Pickles before Christmas. Your child's Form Tutor will include their Zoom code on Show My Homework. For any concerns around online learning please contact Mrs Pickles [c.pickles@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:c.pickles@stjamesheadle.co.uk)
- Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January; Key worker or vulnerable children in Year 7 - 10 can return to school to access Zoom lessons

Key worker or vulnerable children in Years 7 to 10 are defined as follows:

- Any parent or carer in your household is a key worker and you will not be able to care for your child or children at home
- They have a child protection plan
- They have an education, health and care plan (EHCP)
- They need other specialist support – in which case the school, your local authority or your social worker will contact you directly

If your child falls into one of the categories above it is up to you to decide as a family whether your child comes into school. We will support them in school if you need us to. If your child falls into one of the categories above, please let us know **before Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 12pm** by emailing [keyworker@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:keyworker@stjamesheadle.co.uk) otherwise we are **not** expecting to see your child from Year 7 to 10 on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and we will need to send them home. If your child does attend, please ensure they attend in full school uniform. If you are sending your child in, as you are a key worker please provide evidence of your workplace, for example an ID badge, along with your shift pattern for the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January.

Should your child have any difficulties accessing IT provision for online learning, please contact the appropriate Pastoral Manager. For Years 7, 8 and 9 [c.chadwick@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:c.chadwick@stjamesheadle.co.uk) and for Years 9 and 10 [y.harrop@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:y.harrop@stjamesheadle.co.uk)

All staff and students will be offered Lateral Flow Testing in January. We anticipate we will receive the tests and more information about the process on site this week. These tests are entirely voluntary, although we would encourage participation as it will be valuable in preventing the spread of COVID-19. From the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January we will be in touch with consent forms.

I wish you a very Happy New Year and I will contact you again after 11<sup>th</sup> January for a more "normal" introduction to the new term.



# ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher