

December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed some family time.

Following the latest update yesterday, there is unfortunately a change to the update I sent before Christmas.

The update from the DfE states that secondary schools will extend the staggered return of their students to give more time for the rollout of testing. This will help find asymptomatic cases and break chains of transmission, making it as safe as possible to return to face-to-face education.

- During the first week of term, beginning on or just after 4 January, secondary schools and colleges will focus on the rollout of testing to help find asymptomatic cases. They will provide face-to-face education for vulnerable children and the [children of critical workers](#), and prioritise resources for remote education for exam year groups in line with what they would receive in class and to all other years as resources permit. Unless you have applied for a critical worker place your child should remain at home next week.
- During the second week of term, beginning on Monday 11th January Year 11 only will return to CVEA, secondary schools and colleges will start their programme of testing prioritising staff and Year 11 students as our exam cohort and those students in school. Schools and colleges will be able to bring students back to face-to-face tuition as testing is rolled out. Remote education will be provided to all pupils this week prior to return to school.
- All students will return to secondary schools and colleges for face-to-face education on 18th January 2021.
- Vocational exams scheduled for the first week of January will go ahead as planned.
- You must complete a CONSENT form for your child to be tested (to be emailed separately).
- If you do not consent your child must still attend school and follow the NHS track and trace procedures.

In summary, the original plan for Year 11 to attend next week will now not be the case, Year 11 will return on Monday 11th January and all other year groups will return Monday 18th January 2021.

I will be in touch early next week with further details around the mass testing provision we will be offering.

Thanks

Mrs J.Owens
Head of School