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## Changes to the start of term – January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and I hope you have all enjoyed a safe and restful break.

This week, the Government announced changes to the return of schools in England to try to curb the rapid increase in cases of COVID-19, especially in areas which have seen a significant rise in cases over the past two weeks, which includes Barnet.

This means we will be delaying the start of term for all year groups. We know that the mass vaccination is in sight – the next few weeks will be a challenging push for all of us until we get to a brighter future. I hope we can keep each other and our wider community safe during this important time.

As a result of the new guidance, **the plans for the start of term are:**

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January:**
  - Teacher Training Day.
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:**
  - All students will receive an email and follow up call to go through their remote learning programme in detail to ensure that they can access everything required.
- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January:**
  - All students will complete online learning as well as two virtual tutor check-ins each day.
  - Only vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers should attend school, and this is only if it is necessary for them to do so.
  - If it is necessary for your child to come into school, please complete this online form: [CLICK HERE](#) (please see the FAQ document attached if you need clarification on the vulnerable/critical worker categories)
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January:**
  - Only pupils in Years 11, 12, vulnerable students and children of critical workers should attend.
  - Students attending should come into school for 8.40am and will finish at 3.05pm. A reduced canteen service will be available for lunch.
  - All other students will continue online learning from home.
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January:**
  - School opens to all students – I will email further details nearer the time.

A member of staff will call on Monday or Tuesday to speak to you and your child to ensure they can access the online learning as well as live virtual tutor sessions each day. If your child needs a laptop or internet access, please complete this form and you will be able to collect one: [CLICK HERE](#)



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### **COVID-19 testing within school**

We are currently developing our plans for delivering COVID-19 testing for both students and staff. We will be in touch with you again next week when we know more about our local arrangements, and how we will gather your permission and consent for your child to be tested ahead of them returning to school. We will also explain arrangements for those who do not consent to the testing.

It is of the upmost importance that we plan, implement and assess how we can best deliver COVID-19 testing to keep our school, students and staff safe. To do this we will be working hard next week to ensure everything is in place and we will be in contact to ask you for your consent ahead of your child returning to school.

### **Free School Meals**

If your child receives free school meals, but they are not eligible to come to school next week, then the school will arrange for a food voucher to be sent to you. We will email these to you next week.

I am aware that this is a lot of information to take on board and you may well have further questions. I will be in touch again next week and we have also compiled an FAQ document (attached to the email) to try to answer some potential queries in more detail. If you cannot find your answer there, then please do not hesitate to contact us at [enquiries@tta.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@tta.org.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Best wishes and many thanks for your continued support, flexibility and patience.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Fairbairn  
Principal

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