

Wednesday 30 December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had a restful and relaxing holiday so far.

As you will have seen in the news this afternoon, the government has announced a delayed return to face-to-face lessons for students in secondary schools.

To confirm the key information we have at the moment:

Thursday 7 January 2021, all lessons begin online as per student timetables. Online lessons will continue until face-to-face lessons recommence and will remain available to any students who are isolating. Vulnerable and key worker students return to school from 7 January and should follow their normal timetable. If you would like your child to access this provision and have not yet let us know, please email attendance@wealdgs.org.

The plan announced today (Wednesday 30 December) for England as a whole is then: During the week commencing 11 January 2021 students in Year 11 and 13 return to school and then the week commencing 18 January 2021, all other students return to school.

However, it looks likely that Tonbridge and Sevenoaks will fall into the areas subject to higher level restrictions, and therefore the period of online learning may be extended. We are planning for students to return as per the dates listed above, but will continue to review the information provided by the government. We will contact you with further details of the schedule for return to school, as well as the testing plans we will have in place, as soon as possible and by the end of the first week of term (8 January).

Finally, I would like to thank those parents and carers who have already volunteered their support with the testing of students and to ask that anyone who does have medical training, and who would be happy to volunteer to support with the delivery of the testing programme, to contact us. We would very much appreciate your support. The email address is school@wealdgs.org. Also, if there are parents and carers who would be able to access semi-permanent structures that could house the testing centres at both of our campus locations, please also let us know at the aforementioned address.

I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year, and thank you, as always for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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