

31st December 2020

Dear Parent and Carers,

We hope that you are having a safe and restful Christmas period. The following letter provides information regarding the return to school following the statement from the Government on Wednesday 30th December. The evidence about the new Covid variant and rising infection rates has required some immediate adjustment to our plans for the new term. Please find details below of the new arrangements for student learning and return to school from Tuesday 5th January.

Overview of Learning & Return to School

	Monday 4 th	Tuesday 5 th – Friday 8 th	Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th	Monday 18 th
Year 11	School Inset Day	Remote learning at home	At School	All Students return to school
Year 10			Remote learning at home	
Year 9			Remote learning at home	
Year 8			Remote learning at home	
Year 7			Remote learning at home	

There is a year group assembly on Tuesday 5th January at 8:45am, so that Year Leaders can check everyone is able to log on to TEAMS and remind students of expectations during live lessons. Lessons will then start each day at 9am.

We are aware that some students are still to receive ICT support. We will be in contact with those students on Monday 4th January.

Remote Learning at Home: Information

Whilst your child is at home, we will run a full school day virtually to ensure your child continues to get the same quality of education as they would when they are in school. All lessons will start at 9am and students will have their usual break and lunch times.

Students must be able to login to Office 365 and Class Charts. All lessons will be delivered via Microsoft Teams. All students have been shown how to access these platforms but if any further support is required then please do not hesitate to contact us.

To support you we have live lessons video tutorials on our website. These can be found at <https://deneacademy.org.uk/remote-learning>

Registration and Attendance

We expect that all students attend all lessons. This is because they will be taught new content and skills in line with planned schemes of work.

The Pastoral Team will be monitoring attendance to online lessons daily and will contact any students who have not logged on to their lessons for that day.

Critical Workers

The school will be open for students of critical workers should you wish to send your child to school. If you are a critical worker and require your child to be in school can you please email: enquiries@deneacademy.org.uk

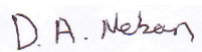
Mass Testing

In the next week, we will be setting up a mass testing programme within school. The aim will be to test all students on or before they return to school to identify any asymptomatic cases of coronavirus. We are still awaiting further details from the government and will update parents early next week.

We will continue to support our staff and students throughout, but please contact us if you need any further information or if you have any questions. You can contact us at enquiries@deneacademy.org.uk.

Finally, please enjoy the remainder of the Christmas holidays and we look forward to seeing your child in the New Year.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D A Nelson

Headteacher