

31 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Please read the information below carefully.

A: Return to school January 2021

Following the government's announcement, I am writing to inform you that your child will not be able to return to school from 4 January 2021 unless you are a critical worker, or your child is classed as vulnerable. Please note, shielding advice is currently in place in tier 4 areas so **all** children deemed clinically extremely vulnerable are advised **not** to attend school.

A list of what constitutes critical workers and vulnerable children can be found [here](#):

If you are a critical worker, or your child is classed as vulnerable and you are intending to send them into school on Monday 4th January please ensure the following:

1. Your child attends in full school uniform
2. Your child has a face covering (unless they are exempt)
3. Your child arrives at school between 8:15am and 8:30am and enters the school through the main school gate

The government has indicated that year 11 students should return on to school on Monday 11 January 2021 and all other students should return to school on Monday 18 January 2021. However, we are in an area of high infection. **There is a very real chance that in areas of high infection children will not return to school on 18 January 2021 for an extended period. You need to make your child aware that it is vitally important for them to engage in online learning as this might be the only access they have to their education for some time.**

B: Remote learning

From Monday 4 January 2021, all children will be expected to engage with lessons remotely. Please make sure your child is aware of this. Details of how to do this can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

If you need help with laptops or internet access, please contact us via this email:
contact@cumberlandcst.org

We will be checking that all children log in using our Dynamic Progress Reporting System (DPR).

There will be a live stream for Year 7 students and parents to show you how to access online learning. This will take place on Monday 4 January at 8:45am. Lessons for Year 7 students will start from period 2 at 9:25am. Lessons for Year 8 to 11 students will start as normal at 8:35am (period 1).

Year 7 parents: A link to the live stream at 8:45am on Monday 4 January 2021 will be shared with you on Monday at 8am. The link will also be shared on your child's DPR year group chat from 8:30am on Monday 4 January.

Year 8 - 11 parents: There will be live streams for students and parents in Years 8 to 11 to remind you how to access online learning and reiterate our expectations at 4pm, Monday 4 January 2021. The links for the live streams will be shared with you on the DPR year group chat and emailed to all parents by 3:45pm on Monday 4 January 2021.

C: Mass testing

We will be drawing up a protocol to test students on-site in the next few days. We do not have further details yet. Please note, all testing will require parental consent and will not start until 11 January 2021 at the earliest.

D: Free school meals

If your child requires a free school meal, if you email us via contact@cumberlandcst.org by 9am on Monday 4 January 2021 we will make up a grab bag for you to collect from **reception** daily at 12.00pm midday. You can collect this even if your child is not in school.

We apologise for the short notice and recognise the difficulty these arrangements may cause parents. We will update you again soon regarding the proposed return to school on January 18th of all students.

Thank you for your continued support at this difficult time for us all.

Yours sincerely,



Omar Deria

Head of School