



31st December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Changes to the start of term arrangements

Following on from the governments announcements yesterday for school reopening in January 2021, I would like to update you with arrangements at Washington Academy. The main difference is in relation to year 11 students who will now not return to school on Monday 4th January 2021. The information in relation to other students will remain the same, but for ease has been included in this letter.

Year 11

Year 11 students will now **not** return on Monday 4th January 2021, but will commence their lessons remotely on 4th January following their normal timetable of lessons by logging into Teams.

Years 7 – 10

As advised previously, Year 7 – 10 students will not return to school on Monday 4th January, but will work from home. To enable us to put together a comprehensive plan for remote learning, work for Monday 4th January 2021 will be on Classcharts and this can be accessed in the usual way. Information will be sent out to parents on the 4th January 2021 with regards to the remote learning for the rest of that week. Any parent or carer that has issues with remote computer access or access of Classcharts should contact school via the school email info@washingtonacademy.co.uk to explain their issues and we will look to support you with this.

Enhanced Resource students

All Enhanced Resource Students **will return** to school at 8.30am on Monday 4th January 2021 as normal and will engage in their normal timetable of lessons.

Children of Critical workers

Children of critical workers in any school year can attend school from the 4th January 2021. We ask that any parents who still require this support and have not already done so, complete the following online form to enable us to arrange provision in school for them ahead of the start of term <http://tiny.cc/wsh-jan>. There is a QR code at the foot of this letter which will also enable you to connect to the same form. If you cannot access this form, please email the school via info@washingtonacademy.co.uk to let us know that you will need your child/children to attend school.

Other students eligible to come into school

Families who are receiving enhanced support from other agencies are also entitled to send their children into school. You will have received a message via ParentHub or a text message to advise you that you are eligible for this. Please follow the same guidance as for critical workers to inform us your child will be attending school.



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Students coming into school

Students that come into school must continue to arrive at their staggered start time and enter the building via their usual entrance. They will spend the day only with students from their current bubble and will follow the work being completed by the rest of their year group who are working from home.

More information will be sent to parents and carers during the course of next week. We thank you for your patience at this current time. Schools were only notified of the changes yesterday afternoon, initially via the main government announcements to the nation. As I am sure you will understand, there is much to do behind the scenes to ensure all aspects of our provision and support is focussed and effective.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

