



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 Monday 4th January.

Overview of Learning & Return to School

	Monday 4th	Tuesday 5 th – Friday 8 th	Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th	Monday 18 th
Year 11	On-line registration & testing <i>(all students to attend registration at 9.30am)</i>	Remote learning at home	At School <i>(testing & lessons)</i>	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	
		Potential testing days allocated for specific year groups – further communication will be provided		

Staindrop Academy will reopen to students on **Monday 11th January** with a combination of remote and school based learning along with Covid testing, depending on the year group of your child.

▪ Monday 4th January

The school will be closed to all students between **Monday 4th – Friday 8th January**, as the school will be undertaking training for the testing programme that is to be rolled out.

At **9.30am on Monday 4th** there will be a compulsory registration period with each child's form tutor. Students are to access their registration using the same method as their remote learning (<http://staindropacademy.com/remote-learning-guide/>). This will establish that on-line learning is working and for safeguarding purposes. If there are any issues, these can be addressed ready for lessons to begin on Tuesday.

We are aware that some students are still to receive their laptops. The remaining laptops will be accessed during Monday 4th January. The registration and remote learning can also be accessed via mobile phones and tablets.

• Monday 11th – Friday 15th January

Year 11 will return into school and undertake lessons and testing. Buses will be running as normal.

Year 7-10 will be taught via "Remote Learning" during this week.

If circumstances allow children from a variety of year groups will be invited to attend to school to undertake testing. The school will communicate if and when this will take place.



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- **Monday 18th January**

It is planned that all students will return to full school based classes on Monday 11th 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. We have been revisiting this with the students over the past few days to support with their remote learning. Each child has also been provided with a remote learning pack with paper to undertake any written work.

Students must be able to login to Office 365 and Firefly. Both links are on the school website. All lessons will be done via Microsoft Teams. If your child has no access to this, they should contact the school and we will support.

All students will attend all lessons. The children will all continue to be taught their planned lessons and schemes of work.

To access the live lessons we have video tutorials that can be found at <http://staindropacademy.com/remote-learning-guide/>. In addition, we have attached a copy of the 'Accessing Live Lessons' guide.

Registration and Attendance

We expect students to login to Firefly each morning.

Monday 4th: Registration at 9.30am

Tuesday 5th – 15th: Students will have registration time with their form tutor at 8:45am from Tuesday ; this will be used to check they can access their lessons, resolve any issues, give key notices and deliver assemblies.

Students will then receive their full timetabled lessons. All links to lessons will be on Firefly ready for that day and students should ensure they join their lesson promptly. Please find below a reminder of the school day.

Time	Years 7,8 & 9	Years 10 & 11
8:45 – 9:05	Registration	Registration
9:05 – 10:05	Period 1	Period 1
10:05 – 10:20	Break	Break
10:20 – 11:20	Period 2	Period 2
11:20 – 11:50	Period 3	Lunch
11:50 – 12:20	Period 3	Period 3
12:20 – 12:50	Lunch	Period 3
12:50 – 1:50	Period 4	Period 4
1:50 – 2:50	Period 5	Period5



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Critical Workers

The school will be open for students of critical workers should you wish to send your child to school. We advise if possible, your child should work remotely from home for students in Year 7-10 during the teaching provision of 5th – 8th January.

If you are a critical worker and require your child to be in school can you please complete the following form

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=se3p77JZUkOmnSF6ftoXSTZPF52ZroFKvkOvWsW5qtxUM09WRERKMjEyUU8zWTVKUzFUMTBPTUfKSC4u>

We will 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 staindropschool@staindropschool.com. There will also be a contact session on Monday 4th January should you wish to speak to a member of staff regarding the current situation (further details will follow). Information regarding the testing will also be provided in separate communication, so please continue to check you SchoolComms and the website.

Enjoy the remainder of the break and we look forward to seeing your child over the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully,

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