



“Believing is Achieving”

Thursday 31st December, 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

Re: Return to school January 2021

Happy New Year to you all, we hope you have enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing Christmas break.

You will all be aware that the rates of coronavirus unfortunately continue to rise across the UK and this had led to the government making some announcements in relation to the return to school for secondary aged pupils. Please be aware the guidance for children attending alternative provision such as Shepwell is different from the guidance for children attending a mainstream school. The guidance from government released only yesterday lacks clarity for those children attending AP so the decisions I have made reflect what I think is best for those children and young people who attend Shepwell School.

At Shepwell we feel it is important, for our pupil’s wellbeing and academic progress to have them return to school as soon as possible. With this in mind the plans for return are below:

Years 7, 8 & 9

Monday 4th January 2021 – Teacher training day (no pupils onsite)

Tuesday 5th January – Staff testing and wellbeing phone calls made to all parents (no pupils on site)

Wednesday 6th January – remote/virtual learning at home, attendance will be recorded – a timetable for this will be sent through.

Thursday 7th January – remote/virtual learning at home learning, attendance will be recorded.

Friday 8th January – pupils return to school for onsite learning but school will finish at 1pm

If you are a key worker please advise the school asap so arrangements for onsite can be made for your child.

Year 10 and Year 11.

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Thursday 7th January – Pupils in school but finish after lesson 5 at 1.45pm, work will be set for lesson 6.

Friday 8th January – Pupils in school but finish at 1pm.

From Monday 11th January all pupils will be in school following their usual timetable but for this week only school will finish after lesson 5 at 1.45pm with lesson 6 work being set home with them.

From Monday 18th January all pupils will be in school and lesson times will return to normal, please note that until February half term school will continue to finish at 1pm on Friday to enable deep cleaning can take place.

Should your child have symptoms of coronavirus;

- A high temperature
- A new and continuous cough
- Loss of taste and smell

Please call Jayne Hoey first thing that morning.

Free School Meals

If your child qualifies for free school meals and your child is not in school, a packed lunch will be available for collection between 12.15pm and 12.45pm. If you are unable to collect please let us know so that we can make alternative arrangements.

We will continue to monitor the situation and respond to the needs of the pupils and their families to keep everyone as safe as we can. Can we ask that you speak to your children to again remind them of the importance of hand hygiene, wearing face masks and maintaining an appropriate distance as this is for the health benefits of all of the school community.

May we express our appreciation for all your continued support during this unprecedented time and be assured we will do whatever we can to support your family throughout these challenges.

Best Regards

S Pritchard-Jones

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