



Wednesday 9th December 2020

Dear Parents,

'Thank you' to all the parents and family members who have supported our school and our students in recent months. These have been trying times but as I write, the very first vaccinations against the Covid virus are being administered around the world and are naturally raising hopes of a far more 'normal' 2021.

I am writing to provide details of our provision for January.

- We are especially pleased at the prospect of welcoming students from Years 7, 8 and 9 into school and in order to ensure that they are fully aware of all the new procedures inside the building, there will be a 'staggered start' to the new term for Secondary students.
- We anticipate that Secondary students will be required to take a new Covid test in order to return to school but we are waiting for further guidance from ADEK on this issue.
- All families must also have completed the medical form which can be found [here](#).
- These will be checked upon entry to the school grounds and a 'tag' issued which will be attached to the school bag. This tag must be shown on every subsequent school day.
- The start days for each year group are
 - On Sunday 3rd January only students from Years 8 and 9 should attend school.
 - On Monday 4th January only students from Year 7 should attend school.
 - On Tuesday 5th January only students from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 should attend school.

 - On Wednesday 6th January all students may attend school except students in Year 10.
 - On Thursday 7th January all students may attend school except students in Year 12.

On days when students are not in school, lessons will continue online.

- From Sunday 10th January students in Years 11 and 13 will attend school every day.
- From Sunday 10th January students in all other year groups will attend school for four days as follows:
 - Year 7 will learn online at home on Sunday
 - Year 8 will learn online at home on Monday
 - Year 9 will learn online at home on Tuesday
 - Year 10 will learn online at home on Wednesday
 - Year 12 will learn online at home on Thursday

The Virtual School Experience remains an option for all our families however, we do ask that if students return to school, they return permanently and attend school every day. It is important for our teachers to know exactly who will be in their classroom and who will be online so that they can plan their lessons accordingly.



- Students must bring all of their own stationery. Teachers will not be able to share school stationery.
- Students must also bring their own food and two full water bottles.
- Regulations state that no classroom may have more than 15 students in it during a lesson. In order to accommodate all of our students, we will operate a series of 'overflow' rooms into which students will rotate during the course of the day. From the 'overflow room', students will be able to view the lesson taking place via Teams.
- Students in all year groups are therefore encouraged to bring their own laptop and headphones into school.

Details of the car parks for drop off and the different gates which students should enter the school grounds by have been provided in previous correspondence ([see here](#)) and staff will be on hand throughout the return to school period to assist students as they enter and exit the building.

Finally, please be reminded that all the usual safety provisions remain in place. Students must wear a mask, wash their hands regularly and socially distance at all times. Students should be reminded to take responsibility for their own health and the health of others at this time – if they feel unwell in any way, they should make this known to their parents or to their teachers if they are in school.

I hope that you have a wonderful winter break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in January!

Yours sincerely,

Chris Lowe

Head of Secondary