



HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

31st December 2020

Dear parents/carers,

You will have seen the latest guidance from the Government late yesterday regarding the staggered start back to school in January, as well as mass testing. This letter sums up the key information using the guidance we have from the Government. As always, this can change and we will follow any changes that the Government bring in as and when it happens.

What I do want to confirm with you is that all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 (except those who have an EHCP plan or those who are children of key workers) will return to school on Monday 18th January. Students will be sent links on Monday 4th January to online learning that they will complete. These links will also be put onto the website. The Government have stated that work only needs to be set for the w/b 11th January. As a Trust, we have a shared curriculum so we have online lessons already planned. We will therefore be sending out these links for both w/b 4th and w/b 11th January as we are aware that many students will wish to get on with their learning, as well as this providing support for families whilst they also need to work from home.

Students in Year 11 (except for those who have an EHCP plan or those who are children of key workers) will return to school on 11th January. It is really important to reinforce at this point that the Government have confirmed that the January exams will be continuing as planned.

You were emailed out a google form on 18th December with regards to giving consent for mass testing, as well as informing us if your child requires a place in school due to you being a key worker. If you haven't yet completed this form, please do so as soon as possible. A member of staff will be in contact on Monday 4th January if your child has an EHCP or is a child of a key worker with specific details about their return to school on Tuesday 5th January.

With regards to testing, if you have agreed that your son/daughter can be tested, the following will happen:

- Student will arrive at their given time slot (see below) and enter the sports hall (they can arrive at any time during that time slot. Parents/carers will need to remain in the car if they are driving the student to school)
- They will be registered and checked that we have consent.
- Student will join the queue in their tutor group and will be supported whilst the test takes place
- After the test, the student will leave via the 'exit' door of the Sports Hall (they do not need to wait for their test result)
- If the test comes back as negative, you will receive a text from the school explaining this
- If the test comes back as positive, you will receive a phone call from the school explaining this. You will then need to book in for a full test at a local testing centre, wait for this result and the household follow the subsequent guidance
- All students will then need to do this for a second time before returning to school



- Students who are entitled to Free School Meals we will provide further details to you on Monday 4th January with information on how to collect these.

Please see below the schedule for when students will be having their testing and will therefore need to arrive at the Sports Hall during their allocated time slot.

Week beginning 4th January:

Tuesday 5th January	Test 1 for EHCP & Key worker students. Students to arrive at their roll call locations at normal time. Testing will take place straight after roll call.	
Tuesday 5th January	11:00 – 14:00	Test 1 for all Year 11 students
Friday 8th January	09:00 – 11:00	Test 2 for all Year 11 students (any Year 11 student that does Sports Studies and has their official exam on Monday 11 th January will remain in school until 13:10 completing revision with their teachers)
Friday 8th January	Break time	Test 2 for EHCP and Key worker students

Week beginning 11th January:

Tuesday 12th January:

08:15 – 10:15	Test 1 for Year 7 students
10:45 – 12:45	Test 1 for Year 8 students
13:30 – 15:30	Test 1 for Year 9 students
15:30 – 17:30	Test 1 for Year 10 students

Friday 15th January:

08:15 – 10:15	Test 2 for Year 7 students
10:45 – 12:45	Test 2 for Year 8 students
13:30 – 15:30	Test 2 for Year 9 students
15:30 – 17:30	Test 2 for Year 10 students

As you can see, a huge amount of work and planning needs to go into this, so I again ask for your patience and continued support. You will be communicated with as much notice as possible regarding any further changes.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Stephen Derry
Headteacher



