



18th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the most recent announcement from the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, all secondary schools in England have been instructed to implement **a staggered return to on-site learning** at the beginning of next term and to make the necessary preparations to deliver a Covid testing programme for staff and students. In line with this, please see the details below for all Nova secondary schools and colleges, to support your planning for the new term:

- Monday, 4 January 2021, will be an additional logistical planning day to prepare to deliver the Covid-19 testing programme. **There will not be any on-site or remote learning provision that day.**
- Exam year groups (Y11 & 13), vulnerable children and children of key workers will return to on-site provision on January 5, and will be prioritised for testing as soon as the programme is established. In addition, Year 12 students with vocational exams in January in CT Business (Single and Double Award), Health and Social Care, BTEC Science (Single and Double Award) and BTEC Travel and Tourism should attend these lessons as normal. **Please note if both parents/carers are key workers and have no alternative childcare arrangements in place, you must register the need for your child to be in school by using the link below by 9am, 4th January 2021:**
www.toothillschool.co.uk/keyworker
- **Remote education** will be provided for all other year groups (**Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y12**) during the first week of term, before a full return to school or college from 11 January 2021. Similar to the autumn term, our remote provision will be delivered via MS Teams and the 'subjects' area of the school website. We will aim to live stream as many lessons as possible via MS Teams, as per your child's usual timetable. We strongly recommend students adhere to the timings of their normal school timetable, including breaks and lunchtimes. Please find guidance on attending live lessons overleaf.
Children engaging in remote education at home who are eligible for free school meals will still receive their entitlement. We will be in contact separately about how this will be delivered.
- Vocational examinations **will** go ahead as planned during the first week of term; please follow guidance already issued re times and venues.

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With regard to the testing arrangements, we will provide you with the details once we have received specific guidance from the government and prepared our on-site test provision.

Thank you for your unrelenting support in what continues to be unprecedented times.

Best wishes for a safe and restful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Eardley', written in a cursive style.

Dr C Eardley
Head of School

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