

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware from our last letter it was our original intention that all students would return to school on Monday 4 January 2021.

However, following the latest announcement by the DfE on 17 December 2020 relating to a staggered return to school in January, in line with the guidance and the roll out of the school Coronavirus testing programme, the return dates for students next term are as follows:

8.25am on Monday 4 January 2021

Year 11 and Year 13 – students enter through their usual year base entrance. Any exams will go ahead as scheduled.

8.25am on Monday 11 January 2021

All remaining year groups return - Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. Students enter through their usual year base entrance.

Please note that, in line with DfE guidance, vulnerable students and students of key workers will be able to return to school from Monday 4 January at 8.25am in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. They should arrive for school as normal at 8.25am from Monday 4 January through their normal base entrance. Please email admin@jesmondparkacademy.org.uk before Monday 4 January if your child is eligible for this provision and you would like them to attend. Please include their name and year group in your email. This provision will be supervised independent study from remote learning work set on Frog.

Students not in school during the first week in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 are expected to engage with remote learning from Tuesday 5 January until Friday 8 January (inclusive). Staff will be preparing remote learning activities on Monday 4 January for students to access from Tuesday 5 January. As usual, free school meals can be collected from school for any eligible students.

Friday 8 January remains a staff training day and no students will be in school on this day.

We would like to apologise for these late changes; we too are frustrated that these announcements have come so late in the term.

More information regarding the mass testing programme in schools will be released as soon as further guidance has been issued. There is unlikely to be testing available in school during the first week back.

All of the staff would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a restful Christmas break and a happy New Year.

Yours faithfully



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