



Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form

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Dear Parents/Carers

Please accept our apologies for sending another letter to you at the end of term with further changes to the start of next term. Yesterday, we received confirmation by the Department for Education of arrangements regarding the start of the Spring term. We have sent it early today, to provide some time for you to contact the school with any questions.

From Tuesday 5 January 2021, only Year 11 and Year 13 students will be expected to be onsite to attend lessons. All other year groups will follow their normal timetable via remote learning, with live lessons of 45 minutes. Further details are available on the school website outlining how to access remote learning.

The school will also be open to children of key workers. If you would like your child to access their remote lessons at school, please confirm your request by 9am on Monday 4 January 2021 by emailing enquiries@notleyhigh.com providing evidence of key worker status.

Unfortunately, as a consequence of the staggered start, we are having to reschedule the Year 8 vaccinations which were due to take place on Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 January. We will write to Year 8 parents/carers separately with further details.

All students will be expected to return to school as normal on Monday 11 January 2021.

You may also have seen in the media the announcement that mass COVID19 testing will be available for secondary schools and colleges from January. It is important to share with our school community that we were only informed of this development on Tuesday. There is a significant amount of preparation required before this approach can be implemented and we have not yet received any of the equipment or training necessary for this testing to take place. Therefore, the current approach to contact tracing, self-isolation for close contacts and remote learning will continue until such time that a testing approach is implemented. Until we receive the equipment and guidance, we cannot yet confirm a timescale for any changes. We will write to you with further information about the approach including the approach to consent, once we have more details, in the New Year.

As always, thank you for your continued support during these challenging and ever-changing times.

Kind regards and keep safe.

Yours faithfully

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