

18th December 2020



Dear Parents Carers

Thank you for all your continued support. As promised this morning, I am writing to notify you about the changes to the arrangements for the beginning of the spring term. I am sorry if this leaves families with difficult situations to manage in the New Year.

Arrangements for the start of the Spring Term

Yesterday, secondary schools have been asked to switch to remote learning for the week beginning 4th January for all students apart from years 11 and 13 and for students of critical workers and vulnerable students.

The arrangements for students at Light Hall for the week commencing 4th January 2021 are as follows:

- All year 11 students are expected in school to complete their mock examinations, starting on Monday 4th January 2021. There are **no** changes to plans and arrangements made for these;
- School is not open for students of years 7, 8, 9 and 10 from Monday 4th January until Friday 9th January 2021;
- All students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will access remote learning through the Microsoft TEAMS platform;
- All students have had further training in regard to this today, Friday 18th December;
- **All** students who are learning at home **must** log into their Microsoft TEAMS account by **9.05am each morning**. This will be monitored by form tutors and pastoral staff, who will be in contact, if students have not logged in;
- Students will follow their normal timetabled subjects on TEAMS through the week; further guidance and information on how to do this will be placed on our website, during the holidays. We will send this link directly to you as well.
- The school will be open to support students whose parents are critical workers and those students whom the government categorises as vulnerable from Tuesday 5th January 2021;
- If you believe that you fit into the critical worker category you must complete the attached survey and return this to this email office@lighthall.co.uk; by **11.59pm 3rd January 2021**. We will be unable to accept any requests after this date and time;
- It is important to note that children of critical workers will be supervised in school during this time. They will not receive face to face teaching, they will be allocated a computer in an IT classroom and will access the remote teaching through TEAMS;
- Students will only be admitted to school if parents have emailed suitable identification to confirm that they are critical workers. Parents will be contacted during Monday 4th January to confirm that their child has a place for the remainder of the week;
- There will be a bus service (863) – one bus only in the morning only. There will be no afternoon bus service during this week;

Once again, I am sorry to have written to you with changes to our arrangements so late on the last day of term. I assure you that we will continue to do our very best to deal with the dynamic situation we are in and I am so grateful for your constant support and understanding during a very difficult time.

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If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to email us on office@lighthall.co.uk. Please note that this email address will not be monitored between 24th December 2020 and 1st January 2021 inclusive.

I do hope that you are able to stay safe and enjoy a restful and peaceful break over the next two weeks.

Yours sincerely

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