

31st December 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this update finds you and your family well and that you have all managed to have a good break over the past couple of days. I am writing to update you on the provision for our students over the coming two weeks.

Following the government announcement last night, students in years 7 to 10 will not return to school until the **Monday 18th January 2021**.

This means that the remote education we have planned for the week beginning 4th January will continue for your child through the week beginning the 11th January as well.

We have made the following arrangements, please note the change to plans for 4th January 2021:

- All students are expected to undertake remote learning through TEAMS at home from Tuesday 5th January 2021 until Friday 15th January 2021. They are expected to register with their tutor TEAM by **9.05am each day**. Students are expected to log into each of normal timetabled lessons at the time of their lessons throughout this time. They are expected to participate appropriately in the lessons, learning activities and opportunities which will be provided by their teachers in their normal timetabled slots. Further details for parents, expectations in terms of live content, interaction and technical guidance, if needed, will follow early next week. Please note that there will be no remote provision for core PE lessons or at our normal break and lunchtimes - between 11.05am – 11.25am and between 1.25pm and 2.00pm;
- School will be open to support students whose parents are critical workers and those students whom the government categories as vulnerable from Tuesday 5th January 2021;
- If you believe that you fit into the critical worker category please complete the survey sent out on 18th December and return it to office@lighthall.co.uk by 11.59pm on 3rd January 2021. We will be unable to accept any requests after this date and time;
- Monday 4th January will be an INSET day. No remote lessons will take place for students and no work will be set on this day. All staff will be undertaking further training in providing remote education and preparing for the rollout of testing;
- **However**, we ask that **all** students log in to their **TEAMS tutor group by 9.30am on Monday 4th January 2021**. We ask for your support, parents and carers, in ensuring that your child gets in touch through TEAMS by this time. This is a well-being and safeguarding check and will provide your son/ daughter with an opportunity to raise any concerns he/ she may have regarding remote learning and the provision over the next two weeks, which we can then work to resolve during Monday 4th January. Tutors will be following up if they have no communication from their tutees via TEAMS by 9.30am on Monday;
- There will be no bus service (863) during this period;
- We will provide further updates regarding testing procedures and processes, when they have been finalised, and before your child returns on 18th January.

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We understand and appreciate that this is a very stressful time for everyone and I am very sorry that I have had to write again, with yet another change of plan.

I thank you, parents and carers, for your continued support and understanding. We will be in touch again early next week with further details. If you have any questions or queries please contact office@lighthall.co.uk. Please be aware, that we will be unlikely to be able to respond before midday on 4th January 2021.

The link to our website, where there are comprehensive instructions to all our remote learning guidance and tutorials, can found here: <https://www.lighthall.co.uk/remote-learning/>

I wish you all a very Happy New Year and a peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely

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