

Dear Parents and Carers

### Start of Term Update

As you will be aware, the Government announced changes to the re-opening of schools today, due to the rapidly changing Covid-19 situation.

We have therefore modified our re-opening plans in light of this for the secondary school. The secondary school will have a training day on Monday 4 January. **Primary students return as planned on Monday 4 January.** The following arrangements will be in place:

Year Group	Return Date
Primary Students (Reception – Year 6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Change – all students return Monday 4 January.</li></ul>
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remote learning via Teams, from Wednesday 6 January.</li><li>Return to school Monday 18 January.</li><li>Vulnerable students and children of Key Workers may return Tuesday 5 January.</li></ul>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remote learning via Teams, from Wednesday 6 January.</li><li>Return to school Monday 18 January.</li><li>Vulnerable students and children of Key Workers may return Tuesday 5 January.</li></ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remote learning via Teams, from Wednesday 6 January.</li><li>Return to school Monday 18 January.</li><li>Vulnerable students and children of Key Workers may return Tuesday 5 January.</li></ul>
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remote learning via Teams, from Wednesday 6 January.</li><li>Return to school Monday 18 January.</li><li>Vulnerable students and children of Key Workers may return Tuesday 5 January.</li></ul>
Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remote learning via Teams, from Tuesday 5 January.</li><li>Vulnerable students and children of Key Workers may return Tuesday 5 January.</li><li>Return to school Monday 11 January.</li></ul>

Given the developing situation, we will communicate any changes to parents.

Students in Year 7-11 are expected to complete work set for them on Teams each day. Students must follow their normal timetable. If students experience any issues logging into Teams, please contact the school office (0191 534 44 44 / [enquiries@christcollege.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@christcollege.org.uk)).

A Teams user guide can be found on the school website: <https://www.christscollege.org.uk/students/home-access/>

Parents and carers who have children in Year 7-11 will receive further information in due course regarding coronavirus testing in schools, along with how we will gain your consent for us to do this.

### **Year 7-11: Key Worker (Critical Worker) Children**

If you are a Key Worker and have a child in Year 7-11, your child will be able to return to school on Tuesday 5 January. Please complete the form below for **each child** you have in Year 7-11 if a parent/carer is a Key Worker. *Please complete this form by Saturday 2 January, 11am.* If your child is in Year 7-11, you may choose to keep your child at home if it is safe to do so.

- You are a Key Worker if your occupation is listed here: <https://bit.ly/34PGkai>
- If your occupation is listed on the website above, please complete this short form so we have an up-to-date list of parents in Y7-11 who are Key Workers: <https://bit.ly/37XusVI>

Key Worker children will complete the same online learning in school that students are completing at home. Students will be based in an IT room.

### **Year 7-11 Vulnerable Children**

If your child is a vulnerable child in Year 7-11, we will contact you on Monday 4 January. Your child will be able to access school from Tuesday 5 January.

### **Year 7-11 Free School Meal Children**

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and does not access school provision, you will be sent an electronic voucher for ASDA. This will be emailed to you week commencing 4 January.

As ever, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Our intention is to provide parents with as much time as possible to make necessary arrangements, but this is difficult for us as Government guidance changes regularly. We will continue to keep you updated if anything should change.

Kind regards

Nicky White

Principal