

# Bredon Hill Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Return to School**

I am sure that you will have heard the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson's announcement last Thursday regarding a further delay to the start of the Spring Term for secondary aged pupils and regarding provision for lateral flow testing in schools.

Please see below the latest arrangements for our pupils' return to school in January.

### **Week commencing 4th January 2021 (Blue Week)**

- Monday 4th January is a TED day. School is **closed** to all pupils.
- From Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, school is **open** to all Year 6 pupils (KS2) as long as they are well. All pupils in school will need to wear their school uniform or their PE kit on PE days. School buses will be running.
- From Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, school is **closed** to pupils in Years 7 and 8. Please see below for details about home learning.
- School will be open to vulnerable children and children of critical workers. Please see below for further details.

### **Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (Green Week)**

- School is **open** to all Year 6 pupils (KS2).
- School is **closed** to pupils in Years 7 and 8. Pupils will need to follow their Green Week timetable.
- School will be open to vulnerable children and children of critical workers. Please see below for further details.

### **Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (Blue Week)**

- All pupils to return to school (as long as they are well).

## **Vulnerable Children and Children of Key Workers in Years 7 and 8**

School will also be open to our vulnerable pupils as well as to some children of critical workers who would otherwise be unable to attend work because of child care issues.

Please e-mail the school office stating your keyworker status (including job title, key sector worked in and the name of your employer) and your intention to request a place for your child in the key worker group by **10pm on Sunday 3rd January**. It is essential that we keep numbers low to help to minimise transmission so please only request a place if it is absolutely necessary and specify the day(s) needed.

## **Learning Arrangements for Years 7 and 8 Pupils working at Home**

Week beginning Tuesday 5 January

- Pupils should follow lessons for their Blue Week timetable as if they are in school. They need to keep to the times of the lessons as teachers will be available at these scheduled times.
- Remote learning will be set through the BHA website and via Microsoft Teams. Details on how to access the remote learning can be found on the first page of the Pupil tab on the school website. There will be no need for a password so pupils can go directly to their relevant year group. Pupils will need to read the subject overview first.
- Pupils will also have the opportunity to contact their teachers through the ‘post’ facility in Microsoft Teams at the times when the lessons are scheduled.
- When there is a ‘live’ learning session with the camera on, pupils should ensure that they are working in a suitable place e.g. kitchen, dining room, have a suitable background and are dressed appropriately –i.e. smart casual dress
- Please revisit the Remote Learning Protocol on the COVID link on our website with your child.
- Pupils can submit work through Microsoft Teams as they have been doing.
- There will be daily tutor sessions which will be arranged by your child’s tutor, again via Teams.

## **Testing**

We are currently setting up testing systems in school for pupils and staff. Unfortunately, our progress has been a little restricted as we wait for further guidance and training from the government. Hopefully, we will hear more next week. The tests are called Lateral Flow Tests and are used to test people who are asymptomatic. My understanding is that pupils will swab their nose and throat under adult supervision. The sample is then processed by a member of staff using the Lateral Flow Testing kit. We should be able to get results in 30 minutes. Any pupils who test positive will be sent home immediately and will be asked to arrange for a COVID test at a testing centre. We will not be able to carry out tests without parent/carer consent. We will send these forms to parents and carers of Year 7 and 8 pupils shortly.

At the moment, the Government's directive is to only test KS3 pupils, (Years 7 and 8 pupils at BHA). Please be assured that Worcester Children First are liaising with the Department for Education regarding testing KS2 (Year 6) pupils attending a middle school. I will keep you updated.

Yesterday, we sent out an e-mail asking for volunteers to help us with testing our pupils. Within minutes, we had several responses and I am overwhelmed with the kindness, support and offers of help from members of our school community; thank you. If you feel that you are able to help us in any way, please e-mail the school office and we will get back to you.

We will contact you as information becomes available and once the school has taken the steps to consider and plan for the actions required.

Once again, my sincerest thanks for your continued support and for your understanding during these uncertain times.

We wish you a very Happy New Year.

Take care and stay safe.

Debbie West  
Headteacher