



COVID-19 UPDATE 7

31st December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

IMPORTANT: UPDATED START OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS FROM 4TH JANUARY 2021

I hope you have all had a relaxing Christmas break.

Following the government's statement yesterday to delay the return of students in January, I am writing to update you of the arrangements we will have in place for our students from Monday 4th January 2021. I will also provide you with some summary information about Vocational Exams, IT provision and Testing.

Of course, all of this may change and if so, please be assured you will be updated accordingly. However, as of Thursday 31st December 10am, the arrangements are as follows:-

Week commencing 4th January 2021

- All students (Years 9-13) will receive "*full time remote education, as close as possible to that which students would get in class and tutor time*"- ie via Microsoft Teams and ShowMyHomework. An attendance register will be taken during tutor time and for each lesson.

Vulnerable Children and Children of Critical Workers (for definition, see [here](#)): will be able to come into school for face-to-face teaching. **We understand from the Local Authority that Transport will be available as usual and any students coming to school should do so in Full School Uniform. Lunch will be available from Henry's.**

- Staff and children who are in school that week will be eligible for testing through Lateral Flow Tests.
- Students should routinely check ShowMyHomework for messages from their teachers. It may be that a member of staff is ill and cover work will be set for students here.
- Students should also check PHHSLive to access their new Spring Term timetable which will be live on 1st January 2021.
- Students who are engaging with online learning with cameras switched on, should ensure that they have a suitable background and that they dressed appropriately -i.e smart casual attire.

Week commencing 11th January 2021

- Students in Years 11, 13 and those in Year 12 who have public examinations in January 2021, will return to school and be eligible for testing. Full time remote education will be provided to students in Years 9 and 10. Students in Year 12 who are not sitting exams will continue to receive their education remotely.

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Week commencing 18th January 2021

- All students will return to school for face-to-face teaching and will be eligible for testing in school.

Vocational Exams

These will go ahead as planned during the Spring Term. Please follow the appropriate link for [Year 11](#), [Year 12](#), or [Year 13](#) in order to view the schedule for these examinations. Students should refer to their individual exam timetables to see full details.

Queries relating to the exams should be sent to phsexams@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk.

Should any student be self-isolating, or ill, they will not be able to sit the examinations. Further guidance will be provided.

IT provision

Should you require any IT hardware (laptop /tablet) to support your child during this period, please email your child's Head of Year via the appropriate remote learning email address below:

- remotelearningY9@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk
- remotelearningY10@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk
- remotelearningY11@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk
- remotelearningY12@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk
- remotelearningY13@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk

If there are any issues relating to passwords, user names or other technical difficulties, your child should email passwordenquiry@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk for support.

Testing

Further details will be provided in relation to testing over the coming days. We have been informed that the Lateral Flow Tests are simple to use and provide results within 30 minutes. Anyone who tests positive will need to leave school, take a confirmatory Polymerase Chain Reaction test and follow the self-isolation guidelines. Parents/Carers of students who test positive from a Lateral Flow Test will be contacted.

The current guidance states that:

- 11-15 year olds may self-swab (swab their own nose and throat) with supervision of an appropriate member of staff if they have consent from a parent or guardian.
- Young people aged 16+ may self-swab and can consent to their own medical treatment without parent of guardian present.

Finally, there will be more correspondence to follow over the next few days and I will keep you updated. In the meantime, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Stay safe. With best wishes,

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher