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**The Telford
Park School**

ENSURING EXCELLENCE

18th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sorry to be writing to you again before the end of term. You may be aware of the various announcements made by the Department for Education over the last few days. Therefore, in a change to our previous communication with you the arrangements for the start of next term will be as follows:

Monday 4th January

The whole school PD day will take place as planned.

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 8th January

Pupils in **year 11** will return to school on Tuesday 5th January as planned. The mock examinations for year 11 will go ahead as planned.

Pupils in **years 7, 8, 9 and 10** will be taught remotely and will follow their normal school timetable on MS teams. Pupils in these year groups will return to school as normal on Monday 11th January.

Children of critical workers/vulnerable pupils

Children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils will be able to attend school from Tuesday 5th January in all year groups. If you are unsure if your child is classed as vulnerable or the child of a critical worker you can check this information here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you feel your child in years 7-10 should be attending school during the period 5th-8th January please could you spend two minutes completing the following survey: [Critical Worker Survey](#). We will also be in contact with the families of all vulnerable pupils.

Remote learning

Most of our pupils are used to accessing lessons remotely and where this has not happened, they know how to access MS teams. For those who are not as familiar there is a guide on our website which can be accessed by following this link: <http://www.telfordparkschool.co.uk/home-learning>. Microsoft teams can be accessed via the school website or here: <https://teams.microsoft.com/>. Pupils should follow their normal timetable (5 X lessons per day) logging on at the time the lesson would normally take place. Some lessons will be live, others will have materials or recordings attached. Work should be completed online or in the pupils homelearning exercise book. You should ask your child for their **school email address and their password** for the school network so that you can log in with them and check what has been set for them. A number of you told us that you had limited access to IT at home, if this is the case your child should attend school as normal as a vulnerable pupil (please complete the critical worker survey if this applies to your child).



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Free school meals

Vouchers will be issued during the w/b 4th January to all families in years 7-10 who are in receipt of free school meals.

Testing

I am sure you will have also seen the announcement that pupils and teachers will have access to mass testing from January. At the moment we would like to take a considered response to this working with our trust therefore at this point I am unable to provide you with more information with regards to mass testing. We will return to this in January and provide you with more information then.

If you have any queries regarding any of this new information or any other school matter, please contact: info@telfordparkschool.co.uk. This email address will be monitored intermittently during the holidays with urgent queries being responded to as a priority.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support, despite the challenges of COVID-19 the pupils and staff have achieved incredible things over the last term.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all.

Kind regards and best wishes,



Mrs H Rigby

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