

31 December 2020

To: all Parents/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have been able to enjoy a family Christmas and have remained healthy and safe. The Government has announced yesterday a change to the arrangements for the start of the new term. Students who are children of key worker families or vulnerable students will be able to arrange a place in school from January 4th 2021. They must contact Ms Ricketts on r_ricketts@taverhamhigh.org to be given a place so that we know we have enough staff in school. The students will remain in their year group bubbles and be located in the ICT areas of that bubble so that they can complete the online learning that is scheduled by their teachers. Please contact the school if your child has been given a place and will be absent in the normal manner so that we can maintain high levels of attendance checks and ensure safeguarding arrangements are in place.

Students who are in years 11 and 13 will return to school on Monday 11th January and will be taught their normal lessons. The year 11 mocks will be reviewed on the 4th and 5th January and further information will be sent out to you that week. Year 13 mocks will continue as planned on the 18th January 2021. External exams will take place as planned so please follow the instructions from Mrs Haywood. (c_haywood@taverhamhigh.org)

Students in years 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 will return to school on Monday 18th January.

This is obviously based on current guidance which could be reviewed at any time and short notice, so we apologise if we need to contact you to change these arrangements. It will also depend on the staffing situation; we may have to make changes to the delivery if we cannot fully staff lessons due to absence, isolations and shielding arrangements. We will as always endeavour to do our best to return students to normal lessons wherever possible.

All students will be able to access remote learning from 4th January 2021 if they are not in the year groups returning to school. Mr Hyett sent out information regarding this last term. If you have any concerns regarding the remote learning please contact Mr Hyett on d_hyett@taverhamhigh.org. If you are having any difficulties with any of our IT systems, please contact ICT Support directly on itsupport@taverhamhigh.org

As for the testing regime, at the moment we have limited information in how this will be rolled out. We have not yet received training information and other details that would enable us to plan for this and provide you as parents/carers with the information you will need to consent to the process. We hope to receive more information in the first week of term that will enable us to consult with you, the staff and governors regarding this and ensure a safe and effective roll out of the programme. From the information we have been given we believe that a dedicated team of individuals will be required to support this programme. If any parents/carers feel they would like to volunteer and be available from 8.00 am – 12.00 noon each day to support the process of testing I would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact Caroline Ross my PA on c_ross@taverhamhigh.org

We have at the end of last term contacted some agency staff but the extent of the roll out that the government is now suggesting will require a significant input from the community if it is to be successful.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Dallas." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ms C Dallas
Headteacher