



18 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware that the government made an announcement late on 17 December that only Years 11 and 13 will return to school in the first week of the new term. We had no prior notification of this and, therefore, now need time to plan for the transfer to large scale remote learning, and indeed to prepare to become a COVID-19 lateral test centre for all of our students and staff, the logistics and implications of which are profound for our school community. The rationale for keeping Years 7 to 10 and Year 12 at home is to reduce the risk of transmission in schools following a Christmas break where different households are likely to have mixed. As you will be aware this approach is projected to increase the infection rate in our communities significantly.

It is very likely that more announcements are to follow, particularly in relation to the testing arrangements, and in the light of this we wish to take a very pragmatic and measured approach to the start of term, which we hope will mean that our remote learning offer is fully in place and that, should remote learning continue beyond the first week, we are fully prepared for this.

We are therefore writing to inform you of our new arrangements for the first week of term.

The school will remain closed to students until Wednesday 6 January 2021 when remote provision will begin for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 and the school will only be open to Year 11, Year 13 and vulnerable/critical worker children.

This is summarised below:

Date	Year Groups	Arrangements
Monday 4 January	ALL	INSET day to allow the school to prepare for remote learning and potential testing arrangements. There will be no in school or remote lessons for all year groups.
Tuesday 5 January	ALL	INSET day to allow the school to prepare for remote learning and potential testing arrangements. There will be no in school or remote lessons for all year groups.
Wednesday 6 January to Friday 8 January	Year 11 and Year 13	In school from 8.30am and will follow the usual timetable of tutor time and lessons.
	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12	Online tutor time at 8.30am and then online lessons following the usual timetable using Google Meet and Google Classroom.
Monday 11 January	ALL	At present we believe all year groups will be back in school at 8.30am for tutor time and then lessons as usual.

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It will be challenging, given the requirement to maintain year bubbles, to provide in-school provision for children of parents and carers who have advised us previously that they are critical workers. However if you are in this category, and would like to request to send your child in to school from Wednesday 6 January 2021, **please email info@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk by 23 December 2020**. We will then contact you by Tuesday 5 January 2021 to confirm the arrangements for your child.

We apologise that this letter is being sent to you during the school holidays, and that we may need to contact you again if and when there are further developments.

Thank you for your continuing support and we wish you a restful Christmas break.

Yours sincerely



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