



Kirkby High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year. I am writing this letter in order to keep you up to date with plans for the coming days but, as we are all aware, there could be new government announcements at any time. I will contact you again if there are further changes.

This plan is in response to the government announcement made on 30th December 2020 stating that year 11 students will not return to school until Monday 11th January and all other year groups will return on Monday 18th January. This excludes students whose parents are critical workers or students who are classed as vulnerable. Parents who have expressed an interest in sending their child to school due to falling into these categories have been contacted today to confirm the arrangements.

Our aim is to help your child to continue their learning journey during this time, so they are not disadvantaged by the current situation when they return to school. It is therefore essential that your child attends all their Microsoft Teams live lessons described below. Registers will be taken for every lesson and parents will be contacted if students do not access their lessons online. If your child is unwell and therefore unable to attend the live lessons, please contact school and report the sickness in the usual way.

Tuesday 5th January

Staff training day- Pre-prepared work will be set on Microsoft Teams for all year groups.

Wednesday 6th January onwards

Live lessons will take place on Microsoft Teams following your child's usual school timetable. A copy of this timetable will be posted out to KS3 today. All KS4 have a copy of their timetable in their lanyard.

Monday 11th January

Year 11 return to school

Monday 18th January

Years 7 to 10 return to school

Microsoft Teams access information is on the school website using the following link:

<https://kirkbyhighschool.net/student-area/>

Please ensure your child has a pen and paper ready for the live lessons as they will be expected to complete activities during the lessons to ensure learning is as close to a normal lesson as possible.



SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR



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The lessons will take place at the usual times:

| Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 | | Year 10 and Year 11 | |
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| Lesson 1 | 9:20 - 10:20 | Lesson 1 | 9:20 - 10:20 |
| Lesson 2 | 10:20 - 11:20 | Lesson 2 | 10:20 - 11:20 |
| Break | 11:20 - 12:00 | Break | 11:20 - 12:00 |
| Lesson 3 | 12:00 - 13:00 | Lesson 3 | 12:00 - 13:00 |
| Lunch | 13:00 - 14:00 | Lesson 4 | 13:00 - 14:00 |
| Lesson 4 | 14:00 - 15:00 | Lunch | 14:00 |

Please allow five minutes at the start of each lesson for everyone to join and for the teacher to get started.

Free School Meals

Knowsley Council are preparing hampers for the students who are entitled to free school meals. Our school staff will deliver these to your homes. Year 11 students will receive a 5 day hamper on Wednesday/Thursday and Year 7-10 students will receive a 10 day hamper on Thursday/Friday.

Lateral Flow Testing

Following government guidance we are working to put a plan in place to support families with children who are keen to engage in Covid-19 testing. **I guarantee that this process will be completely optional and nobody will be tested without parental consent.**

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all your kind words of support during these challenging times and reassure you that we are here to support if you need us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact school and we will get in touch with you as soon as we can.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs R Conefrey
Headteacher