



Harrytown Catholic High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have all enjoyed a break and have managed to salvage at least some semblance of a break during the Christmas holiday to date during these challenging times.

Once again, I find myself writing to you to explain the latest arrangements as announced by the government last evening. It remains the case that we had no prior notification of what was to be announced other than the usual press speculation.

As it currently stands, the plan for the start of the spring term for all secondary aged pupils in England will now look like this:

BLUE WEEK – WEEK 16	Monday 04/01/2021	Tuesday 05/01/2020	Wednesday 06/01/2021	Thursday 07/01/2021	Friday 08/01/2021
Year 7, 8, 9 & 10	Remote Learning schedule for the week to be advised once staff testing training schedule is finalised.				
Year 11	Remote Learning				
Vulnerable pupils, and the children of Key Worker parents/carers	In school accessing remote learning				
WHITE WEEK – WEEK 17	Monday 11/01/2021	Tuesday 12/01/2020	Wednesday 13/01/2021	Thursday 14/01/2021	Friday 15/01/2021
Year 7, 8, 9 & 10	Remote Learning				
Year 11	In school - Face to Face Learning in class				
Vulnerable pupils, and the children of Key Worker parents/carers	In school -accessing remote learning				

BLUE WEEK – WEEK 18				
Monday 18/01/2021	Tuesday 19/01/2020	Wednesday 20/01/2021	Thursday 21/01/2021	Friday 22/01/2021
All pupils in all years return to face to face teaching in school				

'I have come that they have life and have it to the full' John 10:10

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What we can communicate at this point is the following, however there could well be further guidance released which we will update you on as soon as it is released.

1. All year groups will be back to full time face to face teaching from **Monday 18 January 2021**.
2. **Only** vulnerable students, and the children of Key Worker parents/carers, can access school from Monday 04/01/2021. We have had a number of eligible Parents and families wishing to access a place in this category. We will continue to use the 'Contact Form' on our website to confirm parents' occupation. We already have our lists of vulnerable pupils and we have the details of those pupils who were able to access a place during 'Lockdown 1'. School will confirm whether or not you have a place for your child.
3. Remote learning lessons will take place on SatchelOne (ShowMyHomework) or Teams depending on staff resources. This will only be available for Year 11 from Monday 04 January 2021. We will communicate the plan for a roll out of remote learning for other year groups during next week. Remote learning for years 7-10 may be on SatchelOne (ShowMyHomework) or Teams depending on staff resources.
Term commences on Blue Week (often known amongst the pupils as 'bottom week' due to the way that the timetables print off). Pupils can access the lessons in the same way as they did when we had our periods of enforced closure or self-isolation.
It is always possible that some remote lessons may experience technical issues or will not take place should there be any staff absences/isolations. We will always try to post learning materials for lessons on SatchelOne (ShowMyHomework).
4. Remote Learning lessons will start at the usual time but will end approximately 10 minutes early to enable staff to set up the next session.
5. Vulnerable and Key worker children who attend school will be able to access the same lessons as their peers via a computer in one of the school's computer rooms. They will not experience face to face teaching on the days they attend school up until 18 January 2021. Pupils will be appropriately socially distanced and **must remain** so throughout the day. They must attend with a face mask/covering and a spare.

Face masks/coverings in the new term: Can I please remind everyone and ask for your support as parents/carers in ensuring that all young people come to school with a face covering/mask **and a spare each day**. We need to do all we can to make the most of the learning time we have with the pupils and we need to avoid any more periods of bubble closures (particularly with Year 11). The plans from the government remains that in England they are planning to run a full set of examinations next summer.

Furthermore, the government has continued to indicate its intention to use schools to undertake its Lateral Testing Programme to assist with their plans to overcome the impact of the virus. More details about this will be made available as soon as they are available to us in school. The intention of the testing programme is outlined below and is taken from the latest statement released to the public at the end of last term, which read:

With this in mind we have agreed to a three-strand approach to managing transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19):

1. *Supporting schools to set a regular testing programme to test staff and the close contacts of staff and students who test positive for the virus (as announced on Tuesday 15 Dec).*
2. *Reducing the number of children in secondary schools and colleges for the first full week of January, with vulnerable children, children of critical workers and those in exam cohorts, receiving face to face education, with others learning remotely.*
3. *Offering secondary schools and colleges help, support and facilities to test as many pupils as possible as they resume face-to-face education.*

Our website remains the place where we will be posting updated information and the best method for contacting school should remain the Contact Form, available through the school website.

The new Tier 4 restrictions are rules that apply to everyone in our local area and everyone is required to follow them. The full details of these rules can be found online at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year when it comes.

Yours sincerely



K Turmeau
Headteacher