



Da Vinci Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy



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Dear Parent/ Carer

January 2021 Return to Da Vinci Academy - Update

I am sure that many of you have heard yesterday's updated announcement from the Department for Education around the start of term in January 2021 and mass testing for covid-19 in schools.

The Government has said that Primary school pupils will continue to return to school immediately after Christmas. Following the government's announcements for secondary schools, our plans are revised as follows:

1 Week commencing 4th January 2021

Monday 4th January 2021 – Teacher Training (Staff INSET Day). School closed for all students.

Tuesday 5th – Friday 8th January:

In school (in full uniform):

- Identified vulnerable children who have been contacted previously
- All Success students
- Children of key workers (Years 7-11) where families are unable to make alternative arrangements
- Year 10 and 11 BTEC exam students will be in ONLY for the relevant exam and preparation sessions at different times across the week. Full details will be communicated on Monday.

Please note: all **Year 11 Music BTEC students** should attend school for the revision session as previously planned on **Monday 4th January, 1-3pm.**

Remote learning (not in school):

Any student not included above. Remote learning will be provided via SharePoint. There will be a limited number of live lessons for Year 11 students only. Further details will be communicated on Monday 4th January 2021.

2 Week commencing 11th January 2021

In school (in full uniform):

- All Year 11 students
- All Success students
- Identified vulnerable children who have been contacted previously
- Children of key workers (Years 7-11) where families are unable to make alternative arrangements





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All other students (Years 7-10) not included above. A combination of live lessons and SharePoint will be made available for all year groups during this week.

3 WC 18 January – All students in school

Please note:

Children of keyworkers in ALL year groups – if you are a key worker and need your child to attend school from 5th January and have not done so already, please email keyworker@davinciacademy.co.uk to confirm this. We are more than happy to support your child in school; they will need to attend full time in uniform and for their normal school hours.

Testing

Students and teachers will have access to mass testing (with results taking 30 minutes) from January. Students who are identified as close contacts of someone testing positive, can be tested daily for 7 consecutive days and remain in school if they test negative.

Da Vinci Academy will confirm its plans and arrangements for mass testing (including a parent/ carer consent process) during week commencing 4th January. As always, we will do our best to make this new system of testing work as effectively as possible, and ensure that it follows all government, and Trust guidelines.

Once again, I thank you in anticipation of your understanding and ongoing support. We will continue to provide you with as much detail as we can and as soon as is practically possible following updates received.

Finally and as we say farewell to 2020, it remains for me to take this opportunity to wish you and your families all the very best for 2021. Keep safe!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Katie Roberts
Headteacher

