

1 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

A Further Update Regarding the Start of the Spring Term

I am sure that you will have seen, or heard of, the late announcement on 30 December from Gavin Williamson (Secretary of State for Education) regarding the further delay to start of the spring term. The change is a response to the surge in COVID-19 cases across the country.

In summary the changes for our families are summarised here.

Tuesday 5 January 2021 – Additional COVID-19 INSET Day

This day will remain as an additional staff training day and will be utilised to prepare for the mass testing of staff and students and to further prepare for remote learning.

Week 1: Wednesday 6 – Friday 8 January 2021

VOCATIONAL STUDENTS IN YEARS 12 OR 13

Sixth Form vocational students with **externally-set examinations** must attend school, as set out in the examination timetable. A copy of this can be found on the school website [here](#). Clearly, if a student is symptomatic or self-isolating then they will need to inform us of this.

YEARS 7, 8, 9 & 10

Students will remain off school and further guidance will be given on Monday about our expectations for these three days.

YEAR 11 & YEAR 13

Students will be required to engage in remote learning **from home**. They will need to follow the times of their normal school timetable. They will need to log on to register for each lesson and then complete the work set by their class teachers. They will also be required to upload all completed work. This is not optional and all students need to engage fully in the remote learning.

YEAR 12

The internal examinations for the first week have been deferred and will be re-scheduled. Students should utilise this additional time to further prepare for the re-set examinations. Further information will follow next week.

Week 2: Monday 11 – Friday 15 January 2021

YEAR 11 & YEAR 13

The current expectation is that students in Years 11 and 13 will return to school for face-to-face teaching. Students will also be offered the opportunity to take part in the COVID-19 mass testing programme.

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YEAR 12 & 13

Externally-set examinations for vocational students will continue. Arrangements for internal examinations for Year 12 students will follow.

YEARS 7, 8, 9 & 10

Remote learning will take place for all these students.

Week 3: Monday 18 January 2021

At this stage, the expectation is that all students will return to school for face-to-face teaching.

Children of Key Workers

If your child needs to be in school on 6-8 January, because you are a **critical worker** and **have to work**, then you will need to complete the survey [here](#) to book a place. If you have not already registered with us as a key worker, then you will be sent details upon receipt of your application.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Students who receive free school meals and will be off school at the start of term, will also receive vouchers. These will be emailed directly to a parent/carer and come from Sodexo, the same company that delivered the vouchers during the lockdown period.

COVID-19 Testing

You can book a test via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. Mobile testing units can be located via this [link](#).

Please continue to inform us of any positive tests. We will be monitoring communications on the school email at school@isleworthsyon.org.

Mass Testing in Schools

Details of our mass testing programme will be issued ahead of the return of students to school.

I apologise for the need for a communication on the first day on 2021 but I do wish all of our families the very best for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Euan Ferguson
Headteacher