

COCKBURN SCHOOL

Specialist status in the Performing Arts



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18th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Arrangements for week commencing 4 January 2021.

The Government has late yesterday, updated its guidance regarding the start of term in January. The update can be accessed at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/staggered-rollout-of-coronavirus-testing-for-secondary-schools-and-colleges>.

If you view the update you will see that the Government has stated that secondary schools will be open from Monday 4th January 2021 to students in examination year groups (Year 11 students) vulnerable children and children of critical workers.

All other students in Year 7 to Year 10 will receive their learning remotely for the first week of term, from Tuesday 5th January 2021 to Friday 8th January. **Please note that on Monday 4th January we will be closed to ALL students as it is a pre-planned Professional Development Day.** Students in all year groups will be expected to return to school from Monday 11th January 2021.

Further details of how to access the remote learning for your child will be sent via email and social media. Members of staff will be in school as normal during the week commencing 4th January 2021 and will provide support for your child as best as they are able to remotely.

If you are a critical worker as defined by the government guidance and intend to send your child to school from Tuesday 5th January please complete the details on the link below by **4:00pm Monday 21st December.**

COCKBURN SCHOOL CRITICAL WORKER FORM: <https://forms.gle/sPzyZAU2tmtqrt7DA>

We will contact eligible critical worker parents/carers once we have reviewed the completed forms. Please do NOT send your child to school without receiving confirmation which will be by the very latest on Monday 4th January.

We will contact parents/carers of children identified as being vulnerable as per government guidance to ensure they attend school from Tuesday 5th January.

We appreciate that this change is short notice and may inconvenience you, but we know you will agree with us that it is essential we follow the Government guidance regarding COVID-19 in order to safeguard our students, staff and wider school community.

Finally, we would like to reassure you that we will provide details of the arrangements for any testing that may be carried out in due course. This would only be with your consent. The information from the Government is currently rapidly evolving in respect of this and, therefore, we are unable to share with you any details of this at this stage.

Thank you for your continued support in these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely,

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