

31 December 2020

Changes to start of term

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a safe and restful break.

Yesterday, the government made an announcement about the return of schools in England to try to keep everyone safe and curb the rapid increase in cases and break the chains of transmission, especially in areas which have seen such huge growth in numbers of cases over the past two weeks such as Westminster. This includes delaying the start of the year for all year groups, across Primary and Secondary, other than nursery. We are operating under the government's published contingency framework, outlined [here](#).

We know that the mass vaccination is in sight – the next few weeks will be a challenging push for all of us until we get to a brighter future. I hope we can keep each other and our wider community safe during this important time.

Delayed return to school

School closed except for Nursery and Community Classroom provision from 5th January

Nursery remains open for all parents, following the guidance [here](#). Nursery education will commence from Wednesday 6th January to allow for staggered home learning pack collection and staff testing. We believe nursery pupils will be safe because they are younger and less likely to transmit the virus. In addition, we will ensure safety by:

- Testing staff as soon as possible and weekly (we expect this to take place before Wednesday 6th January)
- Adhering to all risk control measures in school (distancing and masks in shared spaces, high hygiene levels at all times, consistent staffing in each Nursery bubble)
- Ensuring that any other members of the public do not share pavement space at drop and pick up
- Starting nursery at 9.30am, which avoids the 10am opening time of the test centre in the park

In **Primary (Reception – Year 6) and Secondary year groups**, we will be closed for all pupils except those who are vulnerable ([outlined here](#)) or critical workers ([outlined here](#)).

Before the holiday we asked parents in some older year groups (7,8,9,10 and 12) to register for this community classroom provision. Now that this provision applies to Primary (Reception to Year 6) and Year 11 and Year 13 pupils too, please register below if you believe you qualify for this support and have not yet done so. We will be in contact with individuals who we believe would benefit from this provision.

Please be aware that the more we can limit pupils travelling into school the more we will do to help lower the transmission of the virus so only take up the community classrooms if it is absolutely necessary. Pupils will be expected to attend in school uniform. The timings are as follows:

	Start Date	Timing
Nursery	Wednesday 6th January	9.30am - 3.30pm
Primary Community Classrooms	Wednesday 6th January	7.45am-9am; 9am to 4pm; 4pm-6pm as agreed
All other primary pupils (Reception to Year 6)	Monday 18th January (TBC by government)	Normal timings
Secondary Community Classrooms	Tuesday 5th January	8.45am-3.30pm (arrival 8.35-8.45am)
Years 11, 13, 12 (BTEC)	Monday 11th January	Normal timings
Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 (A-level)	Monday 18 th January (TBC by government)	Normal timings

Remote Learning

We will be providing **Remote Learning for all Primary (Reception to Year 6) and Secondary pupils from Tuesday 5th January.**

Primary Remote Learning

In Primary, this will be with home learning packs which can be collected from the YYS site. Home Learning Packs can be accessed on the school website [here](#) from Monday 4th January for home printing and referencing. You will receive further detail on how to support your child with their home learning pack, how to access YouTube videos and the timings of your child's tutorials in an email we will send on Monday 4th January.

Please make a plan to collect hard copies of home learning packs and reading texts from outside the school gate on Crompton Street (W2 1ND) on Monday at the following times:

Reception: 1.00-1.30pm

Year 1: 1.30-2.00pm

Year 2: 2.00-2.30pm

Year 3: 2.30-3.00pm

Year 4: 3.00-3.30pm

Year 5: 3.30-4.00pm

Year 6: 4.00-4.30pm

Families collecting for multiple siblings can arrive in anyone of the relevant timings to collect for all their children. A member of staff will be present to support you. Please ensure you are wearing masks and be ready to sanitise on arrival. Packs will cover the first two weeks of term.

Secondary Remote Learning

In Secondary, we will be teaching in a similar way to which we did in the summer term. Pupils will have a timetable of learning with daily online submission. You will be emailed details by your head of year on Monday 4th January. We have a current list of which secondary pupils have a device and which don't. We are also able to provide laptops for all pupils who need them for short term loan during this school closure. You can request a laptop by filling in this [form](#).

Registering for provision in school

For all the following forms, please **complete them as soon as possible and definitely by Sunday 3rd January at 6pm.**

Nursery - We will be open to all nursery parents from Wednesday 6th January. Please complete [this form](#) to confirm your child's attendance. We also will write to all nursery parents separately to respond to questions arising from the form.

Primary Community Classroom (Reception to Year 6) – If your child is vulnerable or they have a parent who is a critical worker, please fill in [this form](#) to register for provision from Wednesday 6th January.

Secondary Community Classroom (Year 7 to 13) - If your child is vulnerable or they have a parent who is a critical worker, please fill in [this form](#). Those who already completed the initial form before the holiday do not need to do so again.

On Monday 4th January a confirmation email will be sent to all those who will be attending community classroom with confirmation of the expectations for this provision, so that they are ready to attend.

I will also be writing separately to parents about lateral flow testing on Monday 4th January. These tested are due to be delivered as soon as possible and it is our intention to immediately start testing on primary and secondary staff and then secondary pupils as soon as we are able to.

Please email parents@kingsolomonacademy if you have any questions or need anything at all.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Haimendorf
Principal