

4 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

## Start of Term Arrangements

I appreciate following Government announcements last week that there may be further uncertainty regarding the start of this term. I hope that this letter will provide you with some clarity regarding what school will look like for your child over the next few weeks.

## School Opening Arrangements:

- Welling School is shut on Monday 4 January for an Inset Day in order for us to plan for home learning.
- From Tuesday 5 January – Friday 8 January the school will only be open for Key Worker and Vulnerable Students and students that have BTEC exams in the next two weeks. For Key Worker and Vulnerable Students the school will be open from 8.45am (8.20am on Wednesdays) and students should access the site via the main entrance on Elsa Road. Students in this group will be following the same lessons set on Google Classroom along with two practical sessions each day. All other school expectations remain, for example the timings of the normal school day and wearing school uniform. Students who have exams will be invited into school to attend masterclasses. For all other students home learning will be in place.
- From Monday 11 January – Friday 15 January the school will be open for Key Worker and Vulnerable Students and students that have BTEC exams. The school will also be open for all Year 11 and Year 13 students. For students in Year 7 – 10 and Year 12 (non-exam students) home learning will continue to be set.
- From Monday 18 January we are planning for a full return of all students.

*\* Please note that Bexley has been identified as an area where infection rates are high and the Department for Education contingency framework applies. Therefore, there may be further changes as to which year groups are able to return to school. If there are changes to the above information this will be communicated to all parent/carers.*

## Lateral Flow Testing In School:

- The school is being supported by the Trust with the implementation of testing arrangements for students and staff. The current plan is to have testing in place to allow Year 11 and Year 13 to return from Monday 11 January.
- All parent/carers will be required to give consent for their child if they are 16 years or under. Consent forms will be sent out via a Google survey.
- A further update will be shared with all parent/carers regarding how the testing will be carried out.

## Updated Home Learning arrangements:

- Following a review of home learning in the Autumn Term the school will be moving fully to lessons set within Google Classroom. The Study Hub that students have previously used will no longer be available.
- We are introducing a 'live learning' element to the start of each lesson and this will be an opportunity for your child's teacher to introduce the lesson, model important aspects of the lesson and run through the assignment that will need to be completed. The teacher will then be available to answer any questions students have. In order for students to access the 'live learning' aspect of the lesson, they will need to access Google Classroom at the time that their lesson would normally start. The link to the live learning is in the banner at the top of each Google classroom page.
- Parent/carers of EHCP children and students supported by the AEN Department will receive a phone call to make sure their child is able to access and complete work set on Google Classrooms.

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- We are taking a gradual approach and for this week only, the 'live learning' element will be for Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13. Students in these year groups will need to follow their normal timetable and access Google Classroom at the start of each lesson in order to click on the Google Meet link. A number of student expectations must be followed in order to safeguard both teachers and other students. These will be shared at the start of the lesson. If there is any inappropriate behaviour students will be removed from the Google Meet and parent/carers contacted.
- For students in Year 7 - 10 the 'live learning' element will commence from Monday 11 January. In the meantime, students in these year groups will still need to access Google Classroom to follow the presentation and complete the assignment set by the teacher.
- At the end of this first week we will be reviewing student engagement and communicating further information to parent/carers.
- Prior to the Christmas Break we contacted all parent/carers, or spoke with students, who did not have access to technology during the first closure of schools. Where the need for computer access was still required we offered the opportunity for a parent/carer to loan a Google Chromebook from the school. We therefore hope that all students have the technology to access the work set and join virtual classrooms. If this is not the case for your child please can you contact the school on [enquiries@wellingschool-tkat.org](mailto:enquiries@wellingschool-tkat.org). A Google Chromebook and/or work pack will be provided. Please be aware that the school has a limited number of Google Chromebooks and students in receipt of free school meals will be prioritised.

#### **Students Eligible for Free School Meals:**

- The school is in the process of putting together food hampers which should be ready for collection or delivery on Monday 11 January. Each food hamper will have enough food to last a week and further information will be sent out to eligible parent/carers.

As a school we are working hard to adapt in order to meet the changing demands placed on all schools. Please can I encourage you to make contact with the school if you have any queries or require further support. Due to the current situation the most effective way to communicate with the school is via email. Please either use [enquiries@wellingschool-tkat.org](mailto:enquiries@wellingschool-tkat.org) or you can contact a member of staff on their email address. A list of staff email addresses is available on the school website.

With very best wishes.

Yours faithfully



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