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Thursday, 31st December 2020



**The Telford
Park School**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sorry to be writing to you during the Christmas holidays. You may be aware of the updated announcement made by the Department for Education yesterday. Therefore, in a change to our previous communication with you the arrangements for the start of term will be as follows:

Monday 4th January

The whole school PD day will take place as planned.

Tuesday 5 January – Friday 8th January (Year 11)

Pupils in **year 11** will be taught remotely and will follow their normal school timetable on MS teams. Pupils in year 11 will return to school as normal on **Monday 11th January**.

Year 11 exams

Our mock examinations will continue with a new start date of Tuesday January 12th. Please find attached an amended timetable. The following external examinations will also be taking place:

Tuesday 12th January (am) – Engineering

Wednesday 13th January (pm) – Information Technology

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 15th January (Years 7-10)

Pupils in **years 7, 8, 9, and 10** will be taught remotely and will follow their normal school timetable on MS teams. Pupils in years 7-10 will return to school as normal on **Monday 18th January**.

Children of critical workers/Vulnerable pupils

Children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils will be able to attend school from Tuesday 5th January in all year groups. If you are unsure if your child is classed as vulnerable or the child of a critical worker you can check this information here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you feel your child in years 7-11 should be attending school during the period 5th-15th January please could you spend two minutes completing the following survey: [Critical Worker Survey](#). We will also be in contact with the families of all vulnerable pupils.



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Remote learning

Most of our pupils are used to accessing lessons remotely and where this has not happened, they know how to access MS teams. For those who are not as familiar there is a guide on our website which can be accessed by following this link: <http://www.telfordparkschool.co.uk/home-learning>. Microsoft teams can be accessed via the school website or here: <https://teams.microsoft.com/>. Pupils should follow their normal timetable (5 X 50-minute lessons per day) logging on at the time the lesson would normally take place. Some lessons will be live, others will have materials or recordings attached. Work should be completed online or in the pupils homelearning exercise book. You should ask your child for their **school email address and their password** for the school network so that you can log in with them and check what has been set for them. If you do not have this then please email park.homelearning@taw.org.uk.

A number of you told us that you had limited access to IT at home, if this is the case your child should attend school as normal as a vulnerable pupil (please complete the critical worker survey if this applies to your child).

Free school meals

As planned vouchers will be issued during the w/b 4th January to all families in years 7-11 who are in receipt of free school meals.

Testing

Pupils and teachers will have access to mass testing from January. We are continuing to take a considered response to this working with our trust. We will provide you with more information next week.

If you have any queries regarding any of this updated information or any other school matter, please contact: info@telfordparkschool.co.uk. This email address will continued to be monitored intermittently during the holidays with urgent queries being responded to as a priority.

Telford and Wrekin is now classified as 'Tier 3' and we ask all of our families to follow the guidance for tier 3 to help keep our community safe.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support, despite the challenges of COVID-19.

Wishing you all a happy new year.

Kind regards and best wishes,



Mrs H Rigby

Headteacher