

Dear Parent/Carer

Further to the Government announcement on 30.12.20 regarding the changes to the start to the Spring Term 2021 we are writing to update you on what the changes mean for our Academy.

Below is the wording of the arrangements received from the Department for Education (DfE) last night:

- During the first week of term, beginning on or just after 4 January, secondary schools and colleges will focus on the rollout of testing to help find asymptomatic cases. They will provide face-to-face education for vulnerable children and the [children of critical workers](#), and prioritise resources for remote education for exam year groups in line with what they would receive in class and to all other years as resources permit
- During the second week of term, beginning on 11 January, secondary schools and colleges will start their programme of testing, prioritising staff, those students in schools and colleges and the exam cohorts. Schools and colleges will be able to bring students back to face-to-face tuition as testing is rolled out. Remote education will be provided to all pupils this week prior to return to school or college
- All students will return to secondary schools and colleges for face-to-face education by 18 January
- Vocational exams scheduled for the first week of January will go ahead as planned

Axholme Academy Arrangements are:

#### **Tuesday 5th - Friday 9th January 2021**

- Vulnerable students and children of critical workers to be on the Academy site. A separate letter to these students and their parents/carers will be sent today.
- Y7 - 11 to be taught and supported in their learning remotely. Please see the 'Phased return to school - January 2021' section of our Remote Learning Guidance [here](#) for further details.
- If you do not have access in your home to the internet or an appropriate device to study remotely please telephone the Academy or email [covid@theaxholmeacademy.com](mailto:covid@theaxholmeacademy.com)

#### **Monday 11th January - Friday 15th January 2021**

- Vulnerable students and children of critical workers to be on the Academy site. A Google form will be circulated on Wednesday 6th January to indicate requirements for 11th - 15th January.
- Year 11 Students will return for face-to face teaching. Transport and catering will be provided as normal.
- Y7 - 10 to be taught and supported in their learning remotely. Please see the 'Phased return to school - January 2021' section of our Remote Learning Guidance [here](#) for further details.

#### **Monday 18th January 2021**

- All students return to the Academy for face-to face teaching

**Mass Testing** - During the week beginning 4th January we will be planning the rollout of the Mass Testing programme. More details will be provided in due course.

**Covid Specific Information** - If you have any information to update the Academy with regarding Covid Tests or Self Isolation please email [covid@theaxholmeacademy.com](mailto:covid@theaxholmeacademy.com)

Thank you for your understanding. If there are any further changes or updates we will send them out to you as quickly as possible. All best wishes to everyone in our community for 2021.

Yours sincerely

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