

1 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well.

The Government has updated its guidance regarding the start of term in January and has advised that secondary schools in England should not fully re-open to all students and staff following the Christmas holidays until Monday 18th January.

However, the school will still be open from Monday 4th January, as scheduled, for students classed as vulnerable, for children of key workers.

From Monday 11th January, Year 11 and Year 13 will attend school along with students classed as vulnerable and for children of key workers.

All other students will receive their learning remotely for the first two weeks of term i.e. from Monday 4th January and they will be expected to engage fully with this. Home learning is explained below. Thank you for your support in this.

Home Learning

We have previously communicated with you to explain what the process will be for setting work for students during the enforced closure. Therefore, whilst at home, Google Classroom is the means by which teachers will set work for their classes. In order for parents/carers to support their children at home, we have created a [Home Learning webpage](http://homelearning.outwood.com) (homelearning.outwood.com) which provides you with guidance on how to access Google Classroom with your child.

Lessons will be available for all subjects and the timings of each lesson will follow the school day. For each lesson there will be, wherever possible, a video recording for your child to watch to help them with the work which is being set. The independent work which they will then complete at home should then be submitted to their usual teacher via Google Classroom. If your child is unable to log into Google Classroom (for example, if they have forgotten their password) please contact Gary Ives: g.ives@hemsworth.outwood.com. For those students who we have already identified as not being able to access Google Classroom at home, the academy will be in contact with you directly.

This is a suggested timetable for Year 7 which you may want your child to follow. As lessons are recorded, this offers flexibility when your child can access their lessons.

	Period 1 8.45 – 9.45	Period 2 9.45 – 10.45	Period 3 11.00 – 12.00	Period 4 12.30 – 1.30	Period 5 1.30 – 2.30
Monday 4 th January	Careers/Progression Post-16: This work is available on your child's year group Google Classroom.				
Tuesday 5 th January	Science	Spanish	Maths	Computer Science	English
Wednesday 6 th January	Maths	Science	DT	Geography	Spanish
Thursday 7 th January	Music	PE	English	Drama	English
Friday 8 th January	Life	Science	Geography	Art	Maths
Monday 11 th January	English	DT	PE	Maths	History
Tuesday 12 th January	Science	Spanish	Maths	Computer Science	English
Wednesday 13 th January	Maths	Science	DT	Geography	Spanish
Thursday 14 th January	Music	PE	English	Drama	English
Friday 15 th January	Life	Science	Geography	Art	Maths

Further work is also available to all students via

- Hegarty Maths
- Oak National Academy
- BBC Bitesize
- <https://science.outwood.com/>
- <https://sites.google.com/outwood.com/maths/home>

For students in receipt of free school meals, if you would like a lunch hamper prepared for the week please contact Sue Vaughan (Catering Manager) at s.vaughan@hemsworth.outwood.com or ring the academy on 01977 624220.

We appreciate that this change is short notice and may inconvenience you but it is essential that we closely follow all Government guidance on COVID-19 in order to safeguard our students, staff and wider school community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing your child, either on their lessons on the remote learning platform from Monday 4th January and then back in school from Monday 18th January.

Yours faithfully



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Principal