



## ABBEY PARK SCHOOL

31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Information regarding the start of Term 3 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

As you may be aware, yesterday the government announced new guidance regarding the start of school for pupils for the beginning of the new term, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. In light of this, at Abbey Park we intend to implement the following:

#### **Week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

- Key worker and vulnerable children in school
- Years 7-11 at home – remote learning following normal timetable

#### **Week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

- Year 11 in school – face to face learning
- Years 7-10 - remote learning following normal timetable
- Key worker and vulnerable children in school
- Testing of all staff and pupils in school (permission required)

#### **Week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

- All pupils back in school
- Testing of all staff and pupils in school (permission required)

#### **Keyworker Children**

If you are a key worker and you would like your child to attend school for the first two weeks of term, please follow the link below to book your child a place. We would appreciate it if you could consider the key worker criteria before you respond.

<https://forms.gle/y3K61v4HYkgn85dc9>



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### Vulnerable Children

It is our expectation that vulnerable children attend school from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. The guidance below will help parents determine as to whether their child falls into this category:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
  - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services
  - adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
  - those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
  - those living in temporary accommodation
  - those who are young carers
  - those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example, due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study)
  - care leavers
- other children and young people at the provider and local authority's discretion including pupils who need to attend to receive support or manage risks to their mental health

Shielding advice is currently in place in tier 4 areas such as Swindon, and so children deemed clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend school.

### In school and online learning provision

When children are in school they will follow their normal timetable, remaining in their bubbles, attending different lessons. Pupils attending school should wear their school uniform as normal. On arrival to school pupils should enter school through their normal entrance, Year 10 and 11 through the front entrance, Year 7-9 through pupil gate. Catering facilities will be open to those pupils who wish to purchase a meal.

Our expectation is that pupils at home will engage with remote learning, following their usual timetable. Teachers will provide a blend of learning on Show My Homework (Satchel:One) and TEAMS. If pupils do not engage we will contact parents to keep them informed. As per the DFE guidance, we request that all children continue to comply with the rules set out for the tier they are in, and parents help ensure their children are following those rules. That particularly includes those related to mixing with other households when they are not at school and when they are travelling to school.



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In my letter to you at the beginning of the holiday period, I made reference to the testing of pupils. During the first week of term we will set up the facility for testing of pupils. A communication will follow regarding the testing process and the option for you to give permission for your child to receive a lateral flow test. I apologise for any inconvenience these new arrangements may cause you but we are required to follow the DFE guidance. If you have any questions regarding the arrangements please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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