



2nd January 2021

Dear parents and carers

I hope you have all been able to have a restful Christmas break and that you are looking forward to 2021.

You will no doubt be aware that on 30th December, the Secretary of State made the following changes to the start of term:

- schools should take time in the week commencing 4 January to prepare to deliver testing of staff and pupils
- in the week commencing 4 January, secondary schools should only provide on-site education to vulnerable children and children of critical workers, and prioritise remote education to those in exam years
- in the week commencing 11 January, secondary schools should provide on-site education to vulnerable children, children of critical workers and those in exam years, and provide remote education to all other pupils
- from 18 January, all pupils should return to on-site education

(Taken from <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021>)

I will now outline how these decisions will affect your child:

Key Worker / Vulnerable Provision

In order to prepare for the next few weeks, I am asking **all** parents / carers to complete [this questionnaire](#), outlining if they meet the criteria and require on site provision, and if there are any known IT issues. *This needs to be completed by 11:59am on 4th January in order for us to ensure we are able to maintain strict social distancing.* A nil return will indicate to us that no provision is required and your child is ready and able to access online learning from 5th January.

Monday 4th January

This was a planned, calendared INSET day and no children will be on site.

Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th January

Year 11 Students	Students in Years 7 - 10
<p>'Live' revision sessions, preparing for the PPEs, will take place during their normal lesson time. Students will be expected to login to Microsoft Teams using their normal school login details.</p> <p>We will be posting a helpsheet on Classcharts on Monday 4th to ensure students are ready to begin</p>	<p>Blended Learning Powerpoints will be set via Classcharts. Students must login using their Classcharts login and will be expected to follow their normal timetable.</p> <p>Staff will be online during their normal lesson time to answer any questions around the work. This will be via the messaging system on classcharts.</p>

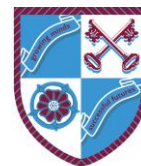


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Monday 11th to Friday 15th January

Year 11 Students	Students in Years 7 - 10
PPEs will commence in school. These will be much more spaced out due to the reduction of numbers of students in school. When not in exams, students will be expected to attend their normal lessons.	There will be a mixture of 'Live lessons' using Microsoft Teams and Blended Learning set via Classcharts.

Microsoft Teams can easily be accessed via any mobile, tablet or computer that is web enabled, and we will be re-sending the guidance via classcharts and on our website on Monday 4th January. In many cases, staff have gone through this with students in preparation for such an event as this. Attendance to live lessons is compulsory and a register will be taken for each session. If your child is unwell and unable to attend online, or they have a medical appointment and they cannot attend a lesson, we ask that you inform us via the normal absence procedure.

We have previously provided a large number of DfE laptops to support remote learning, if you are concerned about IT access then please notify us via [the questionnaire](#). IT support will be available throughout this period via:

Email address: support@warblingtonschool.supportsystem.com

Telephone via reception or Helpdesk directly 02392 485163

Live Lesson Protocols

Please ensure that your child is ready and prepared for their online lessons. They will need to be appropriately dressed, be equipped with their usual pencil case and will need lined paper to complete work on.

Students should behave in line with our usual expectations and any poor behaviour during these sessions will continue to be reported via our behaviour system. It is also worth noting that live lessons may be recorded for safeguarding purposes.

Mass Testing

We are expecting the tests to start to arrive on Monday 4th January and there are a number of online training events on Monday and Tuesday. I will be sending out consent forms over w/c 4th January to enable us to begin the mass testing programme announced by the government. We will also begin to seek volunteers for assisting with this programme and so if you are able to help out in this way then I would ask you to email the school via admin@warblingtonschool.co.uk

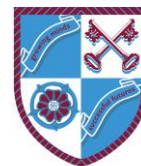


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Keeping Safe

Finally, can I thank you for ensuring your child has adhered to the Tier 4 regulations since they were announced. It has become clear over the holidays that this new strain, which we were just starting to see impact our community before the Christmas break, is not only highly transmissible but also does impact children more than before. For that reason it is essential we all continue to play our part. Over the break, I am aware a number of children, staff and parents have caught the virus, many of whom have now made a full recovery but some are still struggling. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them all a speedy recovery.

Please ensure you complete [the questionnaire](#) for each child that attends Warblington School by 11:59am on 4th January.

A QR code for the survey is here:



I will write to you again later in the week with updates on the issues above. I would also ask that you continue to communicate with us at all points.

Please use the admin@warblingtonschool.co.uk for general enquiries.

Year group emails (eg year8@warblingtonschool.co.uk) can be used to contact the Head of Year.

To report a positive case of Covid-19, please email covid@warblingtonschool.co.uk

For IT support, please contact email support@warblingtonschool.supportsystem.com

As we once again enter a new phase of our efforts, can I thank you for your ongoing support and wish you a happy 2021 and that you continue to stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Hartnell

