

Principal: Mrs N Lapskas

31st December 2020

Update for all Parents

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Return to school in January 2021 – key dates

I am writing further to the announcements made yesterday by the Secretary of State for Education and the Prime Minister about pupils' return to school in January 2021.

There will be a staggered return to school in January 2021 for all pupils

The reason for the staggered return is to enable schools to set up the testing programme that is designed to identify asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 and break the chains of transmission. The Government are due to issue the tests to schools during the week commencing 4th January.

This programme will enable us to keep more children in education and reduce the need for large groups of pupils to self-isolate if a positive case is detected.

Details of the key dates over the coming weeks are given below:

Week commencing	Details
Tuesday 5 th January	Vulnerable children attend school for face-to-face education* Students due to sit live exams on 6th and 8th January attend for exam only All other pupils receive remote education as per their academic timetable using Microsoft Teams.
Monday 11 th January	Year 11, 12 and 13 pupils return for face-to-face education on site at LeAF, DSA and BAMB Year 13 Rockley students return for face-to-face education on site KS5 live exams Monday, Wednesday & Friday Year 9 and 10 pupils and Year 12 Rockley students continue to receive remote education at home. School transport will run as normal
Monday 18 th January	Year 9 and 10 pupils and Year 12 Rockley return for face-to-face education

*If your child is classed as vulnerable you will receive a separate email from LeAF detailing school hours, please ensure you accept or decline the place to enable correct staffing to be allocated to each year group. This communication will be received on Monday 4th January.

If you have need support regarding remote education, please email TClark@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk

During the week beginning Monday 4th January 2021, I will be working with colleagues to set up the testing programme at LeAF Studio for all students including offsite partners and will write to you with

further details about the programme. Please be aware that whilst we are encouraging every parent and child to take part in the programme, participation is voluntary.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. I realise that the notice given to parents and carers to adapt to this revised timeline is less than ideal but I am grateful for your understanding that these changes are in response to rapidly changing national events.

With very best wishes for a happy and healthy new year to you and your family.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Napskas'.

Nadine Lapskas

Principal