



31st December 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Assalaam-Alaikum/Peace be with you.

Yesterday, the Government announced a change to the start of term for secondary schools that allows a staggered return for pupils. This is not an extension of the school holiday. All pupils will start their lessons online on Monday 4th January at 8.30 am. Please ensure that your daughter logs on for lessons which will follow her normal school timetable. The arrangements for the staggered start are as follows:

Week commencing 4th January

School will be closed to all pupils except for the children of key workers and to vulnerable children in all year groups. If you are a key worker please notify the school by email (office@fa.fetrust.org.uk) as soon as possible so that we know that your daughter will be attending on site. If your child is considered to be vulnerable we contacted you at the end of last term and asked that your child attend school from the 4th January. Please note that the school bus service will not be in operation this week, and therefore you will need to make your own arrangements to drop off and pick up your daughter from school. If you require any support with this, then please contact the school on the above email address.

During this week all other pupils will learn at home. Their teachers will deliver lessons via MS Teams. Please ensure that your daughter logs on punctually for her lessons, which will follow the school's usual timetable. Your daughter should also continue with her own reading.

Week commencing 11th January

School will be open to all pupils in Years 11 and 13 as well as the children of key workers and vulnerable children in all year groups. All pupils in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 to continue with remote learning via MS Teams. If your daughter is due to sit an external exam in this week, further details will be sent out to clarify the arrangements for doing this.

Week commencing 18th January

All year groups to return to school.

The Government is committed to rolling out a programme of testing for all secondary school pupils in January. All testing requires parental consent. I will write to you again next week for with further details about how the testing programme will work and when it will commence. I hope that you will provide your consent in the interests of everyone's wellbeing.

Testing does not replace the need for extreme caution that should continue to be taken. Please remind your child of the need to maintain social distancing, washing their hands frequently for at least 20 seconds and the wearing of a mask in enclosed public spaces.

Thank you for your continuing support and very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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