

31 December 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

### Return to school arrangements

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your family have had an enjoyable Christmas break.

In light of yesterday's [announcement](#) by the Secretary of State for Education regarding students' return to school in January, I am writing to update you on the specific arrangements for our students.

Monday 4 January     Teacher training day

Tuesday 5 January     Remote learning at home begins for students in all year groups  
Provision in school begins for children of critical workers, those with EHCPs and others deemed vulnerable (*please contact [admin@qehs.net](mailto:admin@qehs.net) on Monday if your child will be coming into school*)

W/c 11 January     Remote learning at home continues for students in years 9 and 10  
Provision in school continues for children of critical workers, those with EHCPs and others deemed vulnerable  
Students in years 11, 12 and 13 to return to school for face-to-face lessons

W/c 18 January     All students back in school

### Remote learning arrangements

We will write to parents and carers on Monday with specific details of the remote learning provision for each year group. We will also contact directly the parents and carers who have informed us that they do not have access to the necessary technology at home, to make specific arrangements for their children.

### In-school provision

Students coming into school should arrive at the usual time and congregate in their usual year group muster point. Northumberland County Council have informed us that the school transport service will operate as normal from the 5<sup>th</sup> of January.

### Year 12 exams

Certain public exams are due to take place in the first and second weeks back and these will continue as intended. Students and parents of those involved will be written to separately regarding these.

### **Assessment weeks**

The intended year 12 assessment week will take place as planned in week commencing 11 January.

Year 10 assessments will now take place as follows: non-core assessments in week commencing 18 January and core assessments in week commencing 25 January.

Teachers will provide students with more information on these in due course.

### **Testing**

As outlined in my letter to you just before the holidays, the Government is intending that schools undertake a mass testing programme beginning week commencing 11 January, with initial priority being given to staff, students on site and exam cohorts. We will write to you with specific details about this next week. Thank you to those who have indicated a willingness to help with the delivery of the programme. Once we are fully clear on all the various requirements, we will write again with specific requests for assistance.

With all good wishes for a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Atkins', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Graeme Atkins  
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