

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



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Dear Parent

On the 17th December, the Government announced that there will be a 'staggered start to the new term' stating that 'all non-exam year groups will receive full time remote education, with face to face education starting on 11 January'. As a result, Year 11 & 13 will return as planned, on 5th January, whilst students in Years 7-10 & 12 will learn remotely, off site. On the 18th December, we sent out a message via Firefly asking parents who are defined as Critical Workers to notify us if they intend their son/daughter to be in the Academy from the 5th January onwards. Please would all parents ensure this information is submitted, no later than 30th December (Click [here](#) to do access the form).

Remote Learning

Staff will set work on Firefly for students in Years 7-10 & 12. Please note, we expect all students to:

- be contactable within the school hours, and follow the school timetable as far as possible (this is particularly important for Year 10 & 12 students, who will receive a blend of live teaching alongside the work set on Firefly)
- complete their work and upload this within 24 hours of the work being set
- contact their teacher, via email, if they need any additional support.
- work on the Extended Learning tasks, (set on firefly) if they have completed the work set by their teacher.

Attendance

The attendance record of students who are learning from home will not be adversely affected during this period. Please will you contact us if your child is unwell during the week of 5th January, so that staff who are setting the remote learning tasks for your child can be informed.

Transport

The Academy and public transport services will continue to operate from Tuesday 5th January

Student support

Your child's safety is paramount to us during this time. If you are anxious about the wellbeing of your child during this period, please email enquiries@saintwilfrids.co.uk and one of our Safeguarding Team will respond. If your son/daughter is eligible for free school meals, you will be contacted directly regarding provisions that have been arranged. If the current situation means that your family will experience significant hardship, please do contact us as our welfare team can signpost you to advice and guidance.

Lateral flow testing

We are planning for all our students to be back on 11th January 2021. As yet, the guidance from the government regarding lateral flow testing indicates that testing will not be mandatory and will only take place when we have received consent from you as the parent. We anticipate more guidance will be provided in the first week of January, however once we are in receipt of this we will notify you regarding the process.

Finally, this term has presented a great number of challenges and opportunities. We are blessed to serve a body of students who have worked with us to ensure we keep each member of our community safe. We appreciate the cards, positive emails, prayers and messages of thanks. I have no doubt that 2021 will present further challenges, but I know, together we will continue to flourish.

With sincere thanks,

Miss C Huddleston
Principal