

Dear Parents and Carers

31 Dec 2020

**Arrangements for January – UPDATE to details provided in December**

On behalf of LEAP Trust and Dinnington High, we write to provide details of changes to arrangements for students' return to school in January. We apologise for any inconvenience that these changes may cause and hope that you understand that we are duty-bound to follow government instructions.

We are now responding to the announcement by government on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December. This announcement takes into account rising numbers of Covid-19 cases and the government's plan to rollout mass testing in schools. This means that return dates for students have changed, although for students with EHCPs or other particular needs, for children of key workers, and for our Segrave Resource Base students, we will still offer in-school provision from Monday 4 January, as we stated in our letter on the last day of term in December. Please see further down this letter for important information about these groups of students.

**Staggered start to term**

**Y11, Y12 and Y13** – We will operate the remote learning timetable for our Y11, Y12 and Y13 students for the week commencing 4 January, as directed by government. Please see the Home Learning Guide for the timetable for students' remote live sessions and remote learning expectations; staff will set the work using Satchel (Show My Homework). As this is a change to government plans, please allow until the end of Monday for staff to upload work onto the system. Students entitled to Free School Meals will be issued with vouchers to cover the one-week period of remote learning.

Students who have real exams in the first two weeks, will also get some time in school to prepare as we will take advantage of the situation. Please see the end of the letter for the plan for this.

After this week of home learning, Y11 and Y13 should then attend school from Monday 11 January at 8.35 am as usual. The school kitchen will be open, catering for all students who wish to use this service including those in receipt of Free School Meals. Y12 students will continue with remote learning for a second week and return into school on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

**Y7 to Y10** – For other year groups, the normal start to the school term is further delayed.

From 4<sup>th</sup> January, staff will set some on-line learning for students to do individually that will enable students to consolidate learning from last term and/or prepare for the work of this term. They will use packages such as Hegarty, GCSE Pod, Oak Academy, Memrise, Seneca. They will not have live sessions. You will get a phone call from your son's/daughter's tutor. They will use the home phone if we have the number to talk to students directly. Failing that, they will use parental mobile numbers.

From 11<sup>th</sup> January, students will then follow the full remote learning plan using the Home Learning Guide with a blend of remote on-line learning that can include pre-recorded lessons and live



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sessions. Work will be set using Satchel (Show My Homework) to access via any internet-enabled device.

These year groups will return to normal in-school lessons from Monday 18 January. Students entitled to Free School Meals will be issued with vouchers to cover the one-week period of full remote learning from 11<sup>th</sup> January.

**Students without IT:** We have a limited number of laptops we can loan out, and we are requesting some more from the government. A small number of Y10 students have already requested these, and we will be supplying them first. If your child has no IT access at home or very limited IT access at home, please complete this form. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CP4P-arr7UqEmuB4J2fibuVgUkuMSm5Nu-GDtk-j4e1UQIJJSVVTM0pERVczR1pNNzZNTFNITzJVWi4u>

Priority will be given to students who are in receipt of Free School Meals now or at any point in the past six years.

We need you to be as honest as possible as we need to distribute the laptops we have as fairly as we possibly can. If you have more than one child at our school, you need to complete this for each one.

In the meantime, our Admin team will be collating work for students that can be sent home. You should hopefully receive the first batch on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

**Keyworker students:** If you did not secure your keyworker place before Christmas, we have a few places left. So please complete this form by 10 am Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CP4P-arr7UqEmuB4J2fibuVgUkuMSm5Nu-GDtk-j4e1URUJWQVpWWEhGNIRUODhGTIVESEJQRlhVVS4u> . You will also need to send a photograph of your ID to [info@dinningtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:info@dinningtonhigh.co.uk).

**Keyworker/EHCP students:** We will email all keyworker parents and parents of students with EHCPs who have let us know they need a space on Saturday with final arrangements. Keyworker/EHCP Students must arrive at school at 8.35 am in uniform as they would for a normal school day. They will all enter up the main drive and then be directed to different IT rooms depending on year groups.

A limited range of food will be available in the school canteen, free as usual for those on Free School Meals, and to purchase for others.

**Segrave Resource Base Students:** These students will follow the plan already in place. Return to school interviews on Monday, Y11 students in from Tuesday, all other students in from Wednesday. (This is our alternative provision base – Segrave does NOT refer to Segrave House.)

### **Testing of students and staff**

The delayed return of students to in-school provision is intended to allow time to plan for the rollout of testing for staff and students. This move is designed to ensure the reduced transmission of Covid 19 and the highest possible levels of school attendance. Testing will first apply to staff and to exam year groups Y11 and Y13, followed by other year groups. We will write to you to establish consent for testing in a separate letter.

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You will probably already be aware that students will be able to administer the rapid result test themselves, supervised by staff. We will be testing students twice in 3 days, starting in the week commencing Monday 4 January and continuing into the following week. Students will be invited in at a specified time and we will communicate the results to you, along with any further instructions.

Once students are back in school for their learning, any positive Covid cases will require us to do regular testing of close contacts so they can stay in school (if there is consent – if not, any close contact must self-isolate for 10 days). This testing will continue for a number of days to help ensure that the maximum number of students can continue with their in-school education.

### **Our partnership with you**

As ever, we are grateful for your tremendous support for your children's education, and for the school and our staff team. We look forward to building on this partnership in 2021 and to welcoming back our students. We very much hope that the new year brings better times for you and your family, and for the whole school community.



Principal

Chief Executive

**Students with exams in the first three weeks of the new term, please see the next page.**

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**Students with Exams: All exams and Exam Preparation will take place in school**

**On exam days, students MUST be in school at least 20 minutes prior to their exam starting.**

Date	Start	Finish	Length	Subject	Year Group	Board	Component Title
Tues 5 Jan	09:00	14:30	full day	H&SC	Y13		Controlled exam prep
Tues 5 Jan	09:00	14:30	Full day	Business	Y12&Y13		Controlled exam prep
Wed 06 Jan	09:30	12:30	03:00	Business	Y12 &Y13	EDEXL/KSQ	Developing A Marketing Campaign
Wed 06 Jan	09:30	12:30	03:00	H&SC	Y13	EDEXL/KSQ	Enquiries Into Current Research in H
Tues 5 Jan	09:00	11:00	2 hours	Media	Y13		Controlled exam prep for all. Extra hour for 3 students with retake 14th Jan
Thu 07 Jan	09:30	14:30	04:00	Media	Y13	EDEXL/KSQ	Responding to A Commission
Friday 08 Jan	09:30	12:00	02:00	Media	Y13	EDEXL/KSQ	Responding to A Commission
Fri 8 Jan	09:00	14:30	Full day	H&SC	Y13		Exam prep
Mon 11 Jan	09:30	11:00	01:30	H&SC	Y13	EDEXL/KSQ	Working in Health and Social Care
Mon 11 Jan	09:00	14:30	Full day	Business	Y13		Exam prep
Tue 12 Jan	09:30	11:30	02:00	Business	Y13	EDEXL/KSQ	Personal and Business Finance
Fri 8 Jan	09:00-12:00	12:30-2:30	1/2 day	Engineering	Y11		Students will be allocated to morning or afternoon sessions
Tue 12 Jan	09:30	10:30	01:00	Engineering	Y11	OCR	Engineering: Des Specs User Req Wrtn
Fri 8 Jan	09:00	12:00	1/2 day	Sport	Y12		Exam prep
Tue 12 Jan	09:30	11:00	01:30	Sport	Y12	RSA	EC3SP : U1 Body Sys & Eff of Phy Activ
Tue 12 Jan	09:30	11:00	01:30	Sport	Y12	RSA	DI3SP : U1 Body Sys & Eff of Phy Activ
Revision plans for remainder of these exams to be arranged							
Wed 13 Jan	09:30	11:00	01:30	Engineering	Y12	RSA	EC3ENG: U2 Science for Engineering
Wed 13 Jan	13:00	14:30	01:30	IT	Y13	RSA	ID3IT : U2 Global Information
Thu 14 Jan	09:30	11:00	01:30	H&SC	Y13	EDEXL/KSQ	Anatomy & Physiology for Health & SO
Thu 14 Jan	13:00	15:00	02:00	Media	Y13	EDEXL/KSQ	Media Representations
Mon 18 Jan	13:00	14:30	01:30	Sport	Y13	RSA	DI3SP : U4 Work Safe in Sport Exehlth
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