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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year. We hope that you managed to have a restful and happy Christmas break with your family and loved ones.

Start of Term Arrangements

Monday 4th of January

Inset day. Staff will be using this day in school to plan for the new term and organise the mass Covid-19 testing. This means that no students will be expected to either be in school or attend virtual lessons on this day.

Tuesday 5th January

School is open for children of key workers and vulnerable students. The definition of these children can be [found here](#).

Students in Years 11 and 13 will be expected to engage in remote online learning using Microsoft Teams from the 5th to 8th January. Students should follow their normal school timetable. Tuesday 5th January is week 1. We are currently planning to continue with both public examinations and mock examinations in January subject to guidance from the DfE and the school's capacity with mass testing. More information about these exams to follow.

All other year groups (Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12) will also engage in remote learning using Microsoft Teams from the 5th to 8th January. Students should follow their normal school timetable. Tuesday 5th January is week 1. Teachers will set tasks and instructions, and be available via the chat function to answer questions at some point during the timetabled lesson.

Monday 11th January

Years 11 and 13 return to school for face to face lessons. School is open for children of key workers and vulnerable students.

Delivery of full remote online lessons for years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 using Microsoft Teams from the 11th to 15th January. Students should follow their normal school timetable. Monday 11th of January is week 2.

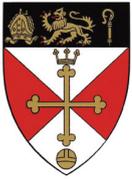
Monday 18th January

All students should return to school

Remote learning



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Remote online work will be organised and delivered on the school's Teams platform. Students should follow their school timetable. More information about accessing Teams can be found here:

<https://www.malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/assets/How-to-log-on-to-Teams-website-version-v2.pdf> and <https://www.malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk/students/covid-19/>

Please be patient and understanding as staff use technology for online learning on a much wider scale. There will naturally be some hiccups and IT issues. The expectation is that all students will return on Monday 18th January.

Vulnerable and Keyworker Children

If you are a parent/carer of a keyworker or vulnerable child, and you are sending in your child(ren) next week please would you send an email informing us to mailin@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk with your child's name and tutor group. **If you have already notified the school that your child will be attending from 5 January, you do not need to inform us again.**

Students in school from the 5th to the 15th of January

Students will need to attend in normal school uniform. They will not need a PE kit or cooking ingredients but should bring in an exercise book and pencil case. There will be a limited lunch service available for students.

Students with an EHCP should report to the Learning Support area. Students who fall into other vulnerable categories and those children of critical workers should report to MC9 and MC10. Please note that vulnerable children include – looked after children, children with a social worker, children with a family support worker, adopted children, care leavers, young carers and children who receive support with their mental health. Children who use the bungalow should continue to do so as normal.

School transport

We are expecting that school transport will be running as normal from Tuesday 5th January.

Testing for Covid-19

Testing is optional and we need to seek your consent before any student is offered a test. If you have not already completed the linked form, please do so that we can start planning for this process:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqHGgFswRcr5yuJenti96Vypd0OefuzsNle8Q7OpNWDNHoQ/viiewform?usp=sf_link

Please be assured that the offer of testing is optional, and no student or staff member will be required to take part. As with many previous occasions during the COVID pandemic we are operating in a rapidly changing situation at very short notice, we very much appreciate the support and patience you have shown us.

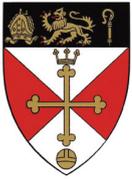
What to do if your child or another member of the household develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child or another member of the household develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should arrange a test via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119 and remain at home with the rest of the household while waiting for the result.

If the test is positive, the individual will need to isolate for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. All other household members must also stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble' – defined here -

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household>. The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill with coronavirus symptoms.





Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community. If possible, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19.

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Once again thank you all for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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