



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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18th December 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

Yesterday, the Government updated its guidance regarding the start of term in January and has advised that secondary schools in England should not fully re-open to all students following the Christmas holidays until Monday 11th January.

From the 4th January 2021 we will be open for all Year 11 students, for students classed as vulnerable and for children of key workers. All other students will receive their learning remotely via Google Classroom and they will be expected to engage fully with this. If you would like more information about our online learning resource, please click here <http://www.ormistonden.es.co.uk/academic/curriculum/>

Thank you for your support in this.

We appreciate that this change is short notice and will cause inconvenience for many of you but this instruction is out of our hands and it is essential that we closely follow all Government guidance on COVID-19, in order to safeguard our students, staff and wider school community.

Students who are eligible for free school meals and who will not be returning on 4th January are entitled to receive a food parcel delivery and we will be providing this. Further information to the families involved will be communicated separately.

On a more personal note, it's been a great last week of term and so my sincere thanks to all the students and staff for their hard work and dedication right to the very end. Also, just as importantly, my thanks to you as parents and carers. As previously mentioned, today is normal lessons up to the end of the second break then students go to their form room to watch our Christmas message and video, then home at 2.30pm.

There have been so many highlights to look back on with great pride and pleasure, not least our Year 7 students settling in so quickly, the new year structure quickly embedding and staff working incredibly hard, not just moving from lesson to lesson to teach but also helping out when colleagues have been absent; the list could go on and on. All this whilst wearing masks!

It is now time to be with loved ones and enjoy Christmas whilst keeping safe. I hope you have a fantastic break and I look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 4th January 2021.

Yours faithfully

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