



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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31st December 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

Last night the Government announced a change to the start of this term. This now means that:

**Only students of key workers; students with an EHCP, students with chronic medical conditions, students and families with external agency support and any young carers are to attend school from Monday 4th January.** They should arrive for an 8.30am start through their usual year group entrance and go to their year area, where they will be based. A member of staff will greet them. Students are to wear full school uniform.

All other students are to stay at home and will be expected to complete a combination of blended learning and live lessons. Lessons will be for one hour and are to follow your child's normal timetable:

- Period 1 will be 9.10am to 10.10am
- Period 2 will be 10.25am to 11.25am
- Period 3 will be 12.10pm to 1.10pm
- Period 4 will be 1.55pm to 2.55pm

Students are well-practised in accessing our blended learning offer via Google Classroom. However, if you wish to learn how to support your child at home, either by logging into or navigating Google Classroom, please visit <http://www.ormistonden.co.uk/academic/curriculum/> for parental support and further information to support blended learning.

- Year 11 students are to return to school from Monday 11th January.
- All students are to return to school from Monday 18th January.
- The planned BTEC exams will be going ahead, and students involved will be contacted separately.

All families of students having to study from home and entitled to a free school meal provision will receive support. Further communication about this will follow next week.

You will have heard about schools completing rapid COVID testing and we are receiving information about this. Once full and clear instructions have been received, we will write to you again to let you know how this will work.

I hope this clarifies the current situation. All staff are returning to school on Monday 4th January and will be able to speak to you over the phone should you have any questions or concerns.

Please stay safe.

Yours faithfully

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