



18th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the most recent announcement from the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, all secondary schools in England have been instructed to implement **a staggered return to on-site learning** at the beginning of next term and to make the necessary preparations to deliver a Covid testing programme for staff and students. In line with this, please see the details below for all Nova secondary schools and colleges, to support your planning for the new term:

- Monday, 4th January 2021, will be an additional logistical planning day to prepare to deliver the Covid testing programme. There **will not** be any on-site or remote learning provision that day.
- Exam year groups (Y11, 12 – *these have been included as many year 12 students share the same lessons with year 13 students - & 13 and any Y10 /12 students sitting a vocational examination during the first week back – separate communication will be sent to these families in due course*), vulnerable children and children of key workers will return to on-site provision on January 5th. **Please note if both parents/carers are key workers and have no alternative childcare arrangements in place, you must register the need for your child to be in school by using the link on our school website by 9am, 4th January 2021.**
- **Remote education** will be provided for all other year groups (**Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10**) during the first week of term, before a full return to school from 11th January 2021. Similar to the autumn term, our remote provision will be delivered via a blend of online platforms, such as HegartyMaths and Oak National, supplemented by a number of recorded lessons for GCSE option subjects for year 9 and 10 students. A full programme of our blended learning will be sent out to families in the New Year

With regard to the testing arrangements, we will provide you with the details once we have received specific guidance from the government and prepared our on-site test provision.

Thank you for your unrelenting support in what continues to be unprecedented times.

Best wishes for a safe and restful Christmas

Yours Sincerely,

Chris Fisher,

Head of School

