



# Kingswinford Academy

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Dear Parent

## Start of Term Arrangements January 2021

As you will be aware, the government announced changes to the start of term on Wednesday evening and I have been rapidly working with our Teams in Windsor Academy Trust to prepare and adjust our arrangements to meet the new guidance.

Please be aware then that, subject to further information or changes to guidance from the government, Kingswinford Academy will have the following start of term arrangements for students:

### Year 11 Students

- Monday 4th January is a Logistical Planning Day and there will be no provision (onsite or online) for students on this day
- From Tuesday 5th January to 8th January - Year 11 lessons will commence ONLINE ONLY with as many lessons as possible as live lessons. Students should NOT attend school.
- From **Monday 11th January** - Year 11 students will attend school and all of their lessons onsite as usual.

### Year 7,8,9,10 Students

- Monday 4th January is a Logistical Planning Day and there will be no provision (onsite or online) for students on this day
- From Tuesday 5th January to 15th January - Year 7,8,9,10 lessons will commence ONLINE ONLY with many lessons as live lessons where possible and appropriate. Students should NOT attend school.
- From **Monday 18th January** - Year 7,8,9,10 students will attend school and all of their lessons onsite as usual.



**Free School Meals**

We intend to provide Free School Meals for those students who require them throughout the additional closure period. We will be in touch from Monday to coordinate this with eligible students

**Children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable Students**

We will offer an emergency provision for students of Critical Workers or for identified vulnerable students. However, please be very aware that this provision is limited and should only be used when absolutely necessary. Please make every effort to support your children at home if at all possible so that we can dedicate as many staff as possible to providing online learning and preparing and undertaking the new testing processes on the school site. Students who are accessing this service will be required to wear full school uniform and bring headphones to school. They will be provided access to their online lessons and expected to virtually attend these with all of their classmates from the school site. Lunches will be provided for those students who request it, although packed lunches are advised. If you do require access to this service, please contact the school from 10.00am on Monday to arrange a discussion regarding your needs.

**Lateral Flow Testing**

Schools have been asked to provide lateral flow testing for all students and staff in the first weeks of term, and ongoing for students who come into contact with positive COVID cases, so that as many students as possible can continue to attend school safely. Please note that all tests are self administered and voluntary and we will contact you early next week to inform you of arrangements once my staff have returned to school and finalised plans.

Thank you for your understanding and patience - this is the most challenging time for school staff and, once again, my team have been offered very little advance notice of substantial changes to practice. We will always keep student and staff safety at the top of our list of priorities and value your support and understanding in these incredibly challenging times. Please understand that we may need to ask for information from you with short timescales as the situation develops and I would ask for your understanding of the circumstances and your support in responding as rapidly as possible to any requests.

Yours faithfully



Tom Macdonald  
Headteacher