

Dear Families,

I hope you are all well, and have had a very good Christmas and are looking forward to New Year and a better 2021.

I am writing following yesterday's, Wednesday 30th December, announcement from the Department of Education to inform you of how this will affect our children's return to school after the Christmas break.

All pupils in the **primary** phase will attend school from **Monday 4th January 2021**

In the secondary phase, children of parents who are **critical workers** and those who are **vulnerable** can attend from **Monday 4th January**. These pupils will be taught in their year groups with a normal a school day in smaller groups.

Remote learning will begin for all **secondary pupils from Monday 4th January**. We will mobilise this as quickly as possible, and your children will have this available to them via Show My Homework and in some cases, a paper version will be sent out to children.

All pupils in **exam year groups [Year 11 and 13]** will attend from **Monday 11th January**.

The Secondary phase **will be staggered**, offering all non-exam year groups full-time remote education, as close as possible to that which pupils would get in class, during the two weeks of term, with **face-to-face education for all from Monday 18th January**. **Pupils in all year groups will fully return on Monday 18th January**.

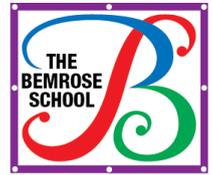
Vocational exams scheduled for the week of **4th January will go ahead**, as planned for all pupils including those in year 10 and 12.

Date	Year group	Comment
Monday 4 th January	Primary pupils	All return to full time face-to-face education.
Monday 4 th January	Secondary Pupils	Critical worker and vulnerable children to attend school. Remote learning from home for years 7-13 except those who are critical worker or vulnerable and attending school. Exams will continue for year 10-13.
Monday 11 th January	Years 11 & 13	Pupils return to school for face-to-face learning. Remote learning from home for years 7-10 & 12.
Monday 18 th January	All pupils	Years 7-10 & 12 return to school to join year 11 & 13.



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We recognise that this is late notice for some families, but this is a directive issued by the Department for Education. They have also issued guidance regarding the school delivering Lateral Flow Tests from January 2021. I will write to you in the New Year identifying what this testing will look like and how schools will manage this.

If there are any changes to this, I will write to you and post information onto the school's website. We shall keep you up to date via our school website, email and Dojo.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, healthy and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2021. Our very best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

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