



Herne Bay High School

Specialist Sports College

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31st December 2020

Important: return to school update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I hope you had a lovely Christmas and can look forward, in time, to a positive New Year.

This is an initial communication to update you all on how we are returning to school in January. As you will have seen in the government press briefing by the Secretary of State on the 30th December, the plans that I set out at the end of term have changed.

The table below sets out week by week what each year group can expect; please look for the year group that relates to your child(ren) carefully.

Please note: HBHS Live Online Education will start for all students on Tuesday 5th January 2021

Please also understand that if the government releases further instruction, there may be additional changes and if this does happen, I will write to you again.

Vulnerable students and children of key workers

As is always the case during remote learning, please contact the school by 15:00 on the 4th January at principal@hernebayhigh.org if you require a place on school site from the 5th of January for a vulnerable child or the child of a keyworker.

Year 7

Remain at home with live HBHS online learning starting Tuesday 5th January

Proposed return to school for face to face teaching Monday 18th January 2021; during this day Year 7 students will undertake a Lateral Flow Covid test

Year 8

Remain at home with live HBHS online learning starting Tuesday 5th January

Proposed return to school for face to face teaching Monday 18th January 2021.

On Tuesday 19th students will undertake a Lateral Flow Covid test

Year 9

Remain at home with live HBHS online learning starting Tuesday 5th January

Will be invited into school for Lateral Flow Covid test ONLY on Friday 15th January.

Proposed return to school for face to face teaching Monday 18th January 2021



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Year 10

Remain at home with live HBHS online learning starting Tuesday 5th January

Will be invited into school for Lateral Flow Covid test ONLY on Thursday 14th January

Proposed return to school for face to face teaching Monday 18th January 2021.

Select students will sit their external exams as per existing timetable (students to come into school for exam only – Monday 11th January)

Year 11

Remain at home with live HBHS online learning starting Tuesday 5th January

Proposed return to school for face to face teaching Tuesday 12th January 2021, during this day students will undertake a Lateral Flow Covid test

Select students will sit their external exams as per existing timetable that we have already sent home, there is no change.

Year 12

Remain at home with live HBHS online learning starting Tuesday 5th January

Be invited into school for Lateral Flow Covid test ONLY on Wednesday 13th January

Proposed return to school for face to face teaching Monday 25th January 2021, during this day students will undertake a second Lateral Flow Covid test

Select students will sit their external exams as per existing timetable that we have already sent home, there is no change.

Year 13

Remain at home with live HBHS online learning starting Tuesday 5th January

Be invited into school for Lateral Flow Covid test ONLY on Monday 11th January

Mock exams start on Tuesday 12th January until Friday 15th (Year 13 are to come into school for exams only)

Select students will sit their external exams as per existing timetable that we have already sent home, there is no change to this.

Proposed return to school for face to face teaching Monday 18th January 2021, during this week students will undertake a second Lateral Flow Covid test



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Over the last two terms we have developed a comprehensive live online teaching programme using Microsoft Teams. This starts at 8.45 each day, with mentor time or assembly and then follows all the lessons that would normally be on your child's timetable. We then end the day with a second mentor session.

I will write to you in the week commencing the 4th January with further detail about how and when we will be inviting year groups into school for Covid testing, so please keep an eye out for more communication.

It is important that you keep us updated prior to returning to school in January. If there are any absence related issues (Covid or otherwise), you can do this on absence@hernebayhigh.org or via the MyEd app as normal (messages, absence hotline)

I will be holding a **student and parent assembly at 9am on Tuesday 5th January** where I will explain in more detail the return plan and expectations. You will receive a Microsoft Teams invite from the school.

I appreciate this is a complex situation that is constantly changing, but please be reassured that we will continue to do what is right in keeping you all safe and providing a fantastic education for your child.

With kind regards

Mr J Boyes
Principal