



Dear Parent / Carer

### **Re: January 2021 Return to school plans**

Many of you will be aware that the Government has announced an adaptation to the plans for the return of schools for the Spring term, along with suggesting that schools should consider that the remote learning provision for those year groups who will be asked to remain at home. We have given this careful thought and have decided that Year 11, vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers will attend school in person from Tuesday 5th January 2021. Therefore, for the week beginning Tuesday 5th January, Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students will be expected to follow their timetabled lessons online at home and receive “live” teaching (unless a teacher is unwell or unable to present in front of a camera), with the exception of core PE lessons. All students will follow their individual timetable including form time in the morning where their register will be taken. The register will also be taken at the start of every lesson so we can monitor students’ attendance throughout the day. Your child will be given a Google Meet invite for all their sessions via their school (email) address.

If you believe your child falls under the Government’s guidance for what constitutes a vulnerable pupil or child of a critical worker please complete this [survey](#).

For any **IT technical issues** please do contact the IT team via email [studentitsupport@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk](mailto:studentitsupport@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk)

### **Mass Testing in Schools**

We will be sharing what testing will look like for Stopsley High School in early January. However, should you wish to read what the Department for Education have set out, you can read it here:

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2020/12/15/mass-testing-in-schools-your-questions-answered/>

## Useful Links

Government guidance for the Christmas period: [Making a Christmas bubble with friends and family – GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

**During the holidays if your child feels anxious or overwhelmed then then please do use the online wellbeing platforms suggested below:**

[Kooth](#) has 24/7 advice for young people about their wellbeing. It's even open on Christmas day.

[Young Minds](#) has a useful parent helpline.

[Anna Freud](#) has a number of podcasts explaining common mental health concerns for young people and offers support to parents/carers.



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## Christmas Concert

We are delighted to premiere our Christmas Concert on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/Dlymgr6jgKU> Enjoy!

All this leaves us to say is what a year 2020 has been. The support of our school community and resilience of our students, staff and families that has been demonstrated through such a

difficult time has been incredible and humbling. As a community we will continue to hold on to hope as we know brighter days are on the horizon, and we will continue to support and look after one another during this unsettling time. Do get some rest and enjoy time together. We look forward to welcoming all our students back in the new year.

Yours sincerely,

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