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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Updated arrangements for start of Spring Term

Firstly, I hope you all enjoyed a fantastic and relaxing Christmas break with your family. I am very much looking forward to continuing our strong working partnership throughout 2021.

As you know, we have worked incredibly hard since the start of the pandemic in March to keep our Academy as safe as possible, and that work has continued over the Christmas holiday period. I would like to thank our incredible staff for their commitment and professionalism, which has seen many working over the holidays.

My letter today, includes important information relating to when your child will return to school at the start of this coming term.

Information relating to Academy re-opening in January 2021

The Government has now announced that secondary schools and colleges will re-open on a phased basis, as follows:

- If you are contacted by our pastoral team or your child is classed as vulnerable, or if you have completed the keyworker survey and been granted a place in this provision, then your child will return to school on **Tuesday, 5th January**. They will receive face-to-face teaching in school when they return. All pupils who we expect to return to face-to-face teaching on Tuesday 5th January will be contacted on Monday 4th January.
- If your child is taking exams this academic year (which is all Year 11 pupils), then your child will return to school on **Monday 11th January** where they will engage in face-to-face teaching. Your child is expected to engage fully with their remote learning during the week of 4th January so that they keep up with their education.

If your child is in Years 7, 8, 9 or 10 then your child will return to school on **Monday 18th January**. Your child is expected to engage fully with their remote learning during the weeks commencing 4th and 11th January so that they keep up with their education.

As before, a great deal of planning and risk assessment has gone into ensuring that our Academy continues to be as safe as for pupils and staff, in line with latest Government and Public Health England guidance.

We will continue to take decisions in the best interests of our pupils, working with you and keeping you informed every step of the way, while following Government rules and advice.



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Provision of Online Learning

The academy has been working very hard to identify and support any pupils who do not have access to an internet enabled device. Whilst a number of pupils have now been supported with these devices, if your child **DOES NOT** have an internet enabled device, they have been provided with a comprehensive work pack to complete over the next two weeks as part of our remote learning package.

Online Learning

Pupils with access to an internet enabled device will be provided with live lessons delivered through MS Teams. Lessons will closely follow a normal school day and these timetables will be shared with you on Monday 4th January 2021.

If pupils are unable to logon for any reason, please email the relevant member of staff using the contact details provided in this letter.

Where staff are absent, we will ensure that, where possible, cover is provided and if this cannot happen then work will be provided for them to complete.

Exams

Those Year 11 students who are due to sit their Creative iMedia exam on Monday 11th January and Enterprise & Marketing exam on Wednesday 13th January will still do so. We will be putting on intense revision sessions, remotely, from Tuesday 5th January – Friday 8th January to support them with this. **Further information will be shared with these pupils & parents/carers on Monday 4th January.**

Return to School

A return date of Monday 18th January has been planned for ALL PUPILS, this will however be subject to review and could change at short notice based on decisions made by the Government.

The academy reception will be open on Monday 4th January from 11am. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please accept our sincere apologies for the continued disruption caused to your child's learning during this most challenging of times.

Please can we ask all parents/carers to advise the Academy of any changes to your contact information before Friday 8th January. This is particularly important to enable the academy to effectively communicate with you regarding any changes or new procedures during this time.

Finally, all staff at The Wells Academy wish you, your friends and families a very happy and healthy new year.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Shepherd

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