



31 December 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Thank you for your engagement with the letter that I sent out earlier in the week. As expected, there was a further announcement yesterday from the government, so I wanted to update you on the plans for the next few weeks. As ever, and we have become used to this, these are subject to change.

The importance of minimising the spread of the virus and the disruption caused by COVID-19 is paramount, especially as the rates are rising so fast. Twinned with this, is the importance of education, and I hope that the measures being put in place will be able to achieve both aims.

Secondary-age pupils (Year 7 – U6th) and staff are being prioritised for testing at this time. It is hoped that by rapidly identifying and containing any asymptomatic cases through this testing programme, disruption to education will be minimised. This programme will enable school staff to be tested weekly, as well as daily testing of both staff and pupils who are close contacts of a positive case, negating the need for self-isolation. The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from COVID-19 remains very low. For the vast majority of children, the benefits of being back in the classroom far outweigh the low health risk from COVID-19, and as a school we will continue to take action to reduce risks wherever possible.

I can now confirm that the following arrangements will be in place:

### **EYFS & Pre-Prep**

School will resume, as previously planned, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. All pupils will continue to be taught in their bubbles by their teachers. Where we experience any positive cases being reported, we will trace, contact and isolate bubbles accordingly, as we did during the Michaelmas Term.

### **Prep**

Pupils in Year 3 – 6 will return to site, as planned, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. There will be a phased return to face-to-face education for secondary-age pupils, Years 7 and 8. Education will be delivered remotely for these children from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, Year 8, who are considered by the Government to be an exam year, will be able to return to site. Year 7 will continue to have their education delivered remotely during this week. Ms Menegaz will write on Monday with more details on this.

From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January all year groups will be on site.

#### **Pre-Prep**

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Any pupils whose parents are keyworkers in Year 7 and 8 can return to School on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January if necessary. Should this apply to you, please email [coronaupdate@langleyschool.co.uk](mailto:coronaupdate@langleyschool.co.uk). Where we experience any positive cases being reported from Year 3 to 6, we will trace, contact and isolate bubbles accordingly, as we did during the Michaelmas Term.

### Senior School

From Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, there will be on-site education to pupils in Year 6, vulnerable children and children of key workers. Those in the remaining year groups will receive online delivery of education. This will be in their usual timetable structure. Boarders will access their lessons remotely; further details will be sent for boarding arrangements by house parents later today.

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January there will be on-site education to Year 6, vulnerable children, children of key workers and those in exam years, Year 11 and U6th. We will continue to provide remote education to all other pupils. Mrs Ayres will be in touch with more detail on this.

From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January, all pupils will return to on-site education.

Any pupils whose parents are keyworkers can return to School on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January if necessary. Should you need to send your child in to school please email [coronaupdate@langleyschool.co.uk](mailto:coronaupdate@langleyschool.co.uk)


### Testing

All staff and pupils (Year 7 to U6th) will have an opportunity to attend Lateral Flow Testing sessions. Each pupil will have their first test in the week prior to their arrival, and then a second the first morning that they back on site. Please ensure you have completed the permission forms sent in my last letter; without these permission forms being completed we are not able to include your child within the testing programme.

Lisa Green and Rachel Smith will be in touch from Monday with a detailed testing programme so you will know dates and times that are applicable to your child.

As ever we remain extremely grateful for your support and I wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2021.

Yours sincerely,



Jon Perriss

Headmaster