

1 January 2021



**Holderness Academy**  
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to begin by thanking all parents, carers and families for their ongoing support and wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

### **Students' return to school - January 2021**

Following the announcement from the Secretary of State, I write to confirm our plans for the start of the new term.

There has been lots of information from the Department for Education released in a short period and it has also changed several times. This, however, is our current provision for students in different year groups. Please take time to read it carefully.

### **For Vulnerable Students and the children of Critical Workers**

- The school will be open for all children in these categories from Tuesday 5 January.
- If your child has previously attended school as an identified vulnerable learner or both parents are critical workers, they will be expected to attend school. If you believe your child is in this category and will be attending school, please let the school know so that we can plan accordingly by emailing [welfare@holderness.academy](mailto:welfare@holderness.academy) with your child's name and year group no later than 11am on Monday 4 January 2021. We will then confirm your child's place by 4pm on Monday 4 January.
- These students will work in year group bubbles accessing the same work as other students in their year group who are working from home; they will not be taught face to face.

For further information, please see the DfE's guidance '[Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings](#)' .

### **For Students in Year 11**

- From Tuesday 5 January, students will work from home, accessing a mixture of live teaching or online work via Google Classroom.
- The Pastoral team will make contact with students during the week to check on wellbeing and progress of online learning.
- Students will return to school for face-to-face lessons from Monday 11 January; I will contact you next week with further information with regards to this and the Government's plan to offer COVID-19 testing to all returning students.

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### **For Students in Year 13**

- From Tuesday 5 January, students will work from home, accessing a mixture of live teaching or online work via Google Classroom.
- The Sixth Form team will make contact with students during the week to check on wellbeing and progress of online learning.
- Students will return to school for face-to-face lessons from Monday 11 January; I will contact you next week with further information with regards to this and the Government's plan to offer COVID-19 testing to all returning students.

### **For Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10**

- From Tuesday 5 January, students will work from home, accessing a mixture of live teaching or online work via Google Classroom.
- Pastoral teams will make contact with students during the week to check on wellbeing and progress of online learning.
- Students will return to school for face-to-face lessons from Monday 18 January; I will contact you next week with further information with regards to this and the Government's plan to offer COVID-19 testing to all returning students.

### **For Students in Year 12**

- From Tuesday 5 January, students will work from home, accessing a mixture of live teaching or online work via Google classroom.
- The Sixth Form team will make contact with students during the week to check on wellbeing and progress of online learning.
- Students will return to school for face-to-face lessons from Monday 18 January; I will contact you next week with further information with regards to this and the Government's plan to offer COVID-19 testing to all returning students.

It is essential that all efforts are made to enable students to access online learning during this time.

Students who are eligible for Free School Meals will continue to be provided for whilst working from home and I will provide you with more information on this on Monday 4 January.

There will, no doubt, be more information to share with you next week so please keep a close eye on all communication from the school and contact us if you have any questions or concerns via [office@holderness.academy](mailto:office@holderness.academy) or your child's Pastoral Manager (from Monday 4 January).

Yours faithfully,



Scott Wilson  
Headteacher