

# All Hallows Catholic College

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18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

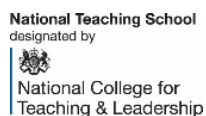
On behalf of staff & governors, I would like to thank you for your support this term. In what has been, at times, quite a challenging few months for many of us, your patience, understanding, cooperation and positive messages have really made a difference. Whilst I would like to be writing to you today, simply to wish you a very peaceful and restful Christmas, I do also need to share with you information about the start of next term.

## RETURN IN JANUARY 2021

As you may be aware, the DfE announced yesterday that secondary schools will be operating a 'staggered return' in January, with 'students in exam year groups, vulnerable children and children of critical workers' attending College in person from the start of term, and all other students receiving remote learning for the first week.

For the week commencing Tuesday 5th January, therefore, all Year 11 & 13 students are expected to attend College for face-to-face lessons, along with identified vulnerable students and the children of critical workers. There is also a group of Year 12 students who have an IT exam on Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th January, so they are expected to attend College on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January. The parents & carers of identified vulnerable students, from Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12, will be contacted separately, but if you believe your child is 'vulnerable', as defined in the DfE guidance below, and you haven't received an individual phone call or email, then please contact Mrs Metheringham at principalpa@allhallows.org.uk by 3pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December, with your child's name and reason for them being identified as vulnerable. If either parent or carer is a critical worker, as defined in the DfE guidance below, and you want your child to attend College in the first week of term, then you should also contact Mrs Metheringham at the email address above, with your child's name and critical worker category. You will not receive a reply before the start of term, but it is important that we know who we are expecting to attend.

For all other students, they should follow their normal College timetable for remote learning. Links for Microsoft Teams lessons will be emailed to students' College email addresses, and posted on Show My Homework. If a lesson is unable to be live-streamed, for whatever reason, alternative work will be posted on Show My Homework. Please refer to the COVID Addendum in the College Rewards & Behaviour Policy for remote learning rules & expectations: <https://www.allhallows.org.uk/rewards-and-behaviour-policy>.



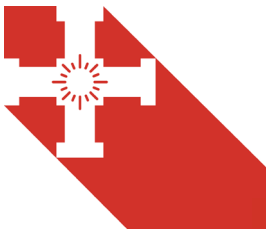
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Further information about the start of term, including definitions for 'vulnerable' and 'critical workers' can be found on the DfE's website, at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021>.

## POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST REPORTING OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

As per my letter earlier in the week, if your child tests positive for COVID-19 between 19<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> December, please use the following Microsoft Form to notify us:

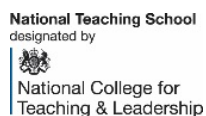
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This COVID Reporting Form will be active from midnight on 18<sup>th</sup> December, and submitted forms will be checked each morning, before midday, up until 24<sup>th</sup> December.

I wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

God Bless

Tim Beesley



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