



Risedale Sports & Community College

Learning and Achieving Together

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Dear parents/carers,

I am contacting you in the holidays to give you an update on the opening of schools in reference to the statement made by The Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Honourable Gavin Williamson MP, yesterday in the House of Commons. You will be aware that due to the changing nature of infections and the virus itself, we often have to react to last minute decisions. As ever, our priority is keeping everybody safe at all times. This remains the case. As a result of this statement there are a number of important changes for you to be aware of for the start of term on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

KEY POINTS:

- **All year groups (7-11) will be taught remotely for the week Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th Jan.**
- **School will only be open for 'critical workers and vulnerable children'.**
- **Year 11 will return to school on Monday 11th January.**
- **Years 7-10 will continue their remote learning for a further week and return to school on Monday 18th January.**

Children of a 'critical worker' and 'vulnerable children':

From Tuesday 5th January, Risedale will only be open for '[critical workers and vulnerable children](#)' as we provided in the initial lockdown. The government defines critical workers as, *"Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response including those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors..."*

Rest assured that children in school will be safeguarded as best as we can, as we always do. Because of the rising infection rates, for the first two weeks we will keep the class sizes small to enable social distancing. The same COVID secure procedures as the Autumn term, face masks/bubbles etc, will also be in place as per our [Risk Assessment](#). **Unlike the first lockdown please make sure your child attends in full school uniform.**

If you think you are eligible and require this provision please complete the form: [Register for Pupil Provision at Risedale](#) (if you haven't already done so).

Years 7, 8 & 9 remote learning for 2 weeks (Tuesday 5th - Friday 15th January):

For these year groups, all work will be uploaded onto Google Classroom. Please make sure your child logs on every day and submits completed work to their teacher. Guidance can be found on our [Student Portal](#). Please encourage your child to look out for notifications from their teachers on Google Classroom. If at any time you or your child needs support, please email our teaching staff directly: [Staff Email List](#).





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Year 10 remote learning for 2 weeks (Tuesday 5th - Friday 15th January):

Year 10 will have live lessons via Google Meet. These lessons will be scheduled in their usual timetable slot. Your child should follow their normal timetable and be ready to log on at 8:45am daily for their first lesson. Invitations for Google Meet lessons will be published via Google Classroom by class teachers.

Year 11 remote learning for 1 week (Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th January):

In addition to my communication in December, **Year 11 will now also have live lessons via Google Meet.** These lessons will be scheduled in their usual timetable slot. Your child should follow their normal timetable for the duration of the week and be ready to log on at 8:45am daily for their first lesson. Invitations for Google Meet lessons will be published via Google Classroom by class teachers. **Year 11 will then return to school on Monday 11th January.**

All years will then return to school on Monday 18th January.

You will have also heard about the mass testing programme in schools to be put in place. We will contact you again next week with more specific detail, timings and consent forms.

Thank you for your ongoing support and Happy New Year,

Colin D Scott - Headteacher

