



Principal: Helen Corbett

Dear parents and carers,

31 December 2020

I hope you and your families have had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas despite the unprecedented time we continue to find ourselves in. With the latest announcement from the government yesterday evening we have updated our plans. Please find details below:

Monday 4 January remains an INSET day as planned. From **Tuesday 5 January** to **Friday 8 January** the school will only be open for face-to-face education for those classed as vulnerable or critical keyworker children. If your child falls into the vulnerable or critical key worker category please follow the below link to register your child to attend school for the first two weeks back (excluding Monday 4 January). The children in these categories should arrive to school, in full school uniform at 9:15am and go to the following areas on arrival: (As per original plans their school day will end at 3:05pm)

- Year 7 – go to the designated Year 7 outdoor area.
- Year 8 – go to the designated Year 8 outdoor area.
- Year 9 – go to the outdoor benched area in their bubble.
- Year 10 – go to the outdoor area outside the sports hall.
- Year 11 – go to the quad in the Year 11 zone.

Link to register your child to attend the vulnerable/critical key worker offer: <https://forms.gle/nnNbr8RHvQK59GRY7>

If your child is in Year 11 or Year 13, they will now learn remotely for the first week of term, with remote learning being provided from **Tuesday 5 January** to **Friday 8 January**. We will aim to provide the same high quality education as what they would have experienced in the classroom. We understand that students in exam year groups will be particularly anxious about not being in school. If we can do anything further to support them outside of their remote lessons please contact their Director of Learning at the school. Year 11 and Year 13 are currently expected to return to school on **Monday 11 January**.

If your child is in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 or 12 they will be learning remotely from **Tuesday 5 January** until **Friday 15 January**. These year groups are currently expected to return to school on **Monday 18 January**.

Our teachers will provide lessons that will match the students normal timetable and which follows the curriculum maps for their subjects. Our remote learning offer utilises Google classroom as the platform for delivery. Students in all years should follow their normal timetable. This is especially important for those in exam year groups who may be required to join a live lesson through a Google Meet link at a specific time. If any student has forgotten their password for the Google apps they must use the following form to have it reset:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZe3qNVl6frxg1nNPgchfPEkxTRqBO8ah-G2h2a8Stadf7mQ/viewform>. If you wish for your child to receive paper-based learning and you have not been contacted by the end of Monday 4 January please contact Miss J Gordon, Vice Principal of Quality of Education (jgordon@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk).

I will write to you again next week with an update on our provision and to provide further details on rapid testing at George Spencer Academy. For now, I wish you all a Happy New Year and I look forward to continuing to work with you all in 2021.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Corbett
Principal