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Dear Parents and Carers,

Department for Education guidance

The Department for Education (on Wednesday 30th December) has released amended guidance regarding the start of Spring Term. [Please click here for this guidance.](#)

This guidance requires a staggered start to the term for secondary section pupils.

This guidance requires primary schools in some areas to shift to remote education and not open for face-to-face provision. This is in line with the Department for Education's contingency framework. Harrow has now been added to this list of areas. The government have informed us that the next review of this decision will take place on Wednesday 13th January.

Please see below for the new arrangements for Whitefriars School.

Primary section pupils

Primary section pupils will learn remotely from home from the start of term on Tuesday 5th January. This will continue until further notice.

Remote education for primary section pupils will start on Tuesday 5th January. This will include video lessons, learning tasks on OneNote and interactive online sessions between class teachers and their pupils. This remote education will be equivalent to what the pupils would have received had they been in school. We will write to you on Monday 4th January with details of this remote education.

Year 11 pupils

Face-to-face education in school for Year 11 pupils will now start on Monday 11th January.

We will provide remote education between Tuesday 5th January and Friday 8th January. This will include live lessons and learning tasks on OneNote. This remote education will be equivalent to what the pupils would have received had they been in school. We will write to you on Monday 4th January with details of this remote education.

Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 pupils

These pupils will now start face-to-face education in school on Monday 18th January.

We will provide remote education between Tuesday 5th January and Friday 15th January. This will include live lessons and learning tasks on OneNote. This remote education will be equivalent to what the pupils would have received had they been in school. We will write to you on Monday 4th January with details of this remote education.

Out of school settings

The guidance explains that pupils learning remotely should also not attend any out of school settings. This includes extra-curricular clubs or supplementary schools.

Children of Critical workers

Children of critical workers in all year groups can attend school from Tuesday 5th January. [Please click here for the list of critical workers](#), as defined by the government. If you are a critical worker and wish your son or daughter to attend school during this period, please email Ms O'Brien (office@whitefriars.harrow.sch.uk) by the close of Sunday 3rd January. This will then allow us to finalise this educational provision. Students should wear normal school uniform, bring a packed lunch, and bring their normal school equipment. A packed lunch will be provided for pupils who are eligible for free school meals.

Vulnerable children

Vulnerable children in all year groups should attend school from Tuesday 5th January as normal for their education. We are contacting families individually regarding this. Students should wear normal school uniform, bring a packed lunch and bring their normal school equipment. A packed lunch will be provided for pupils who are eligible for free school meals.

Coronavirus

Children of critical workers and vulnerable children must not attend school if they:

- Have one or more coronavirus symptoms. They must self-isolate and you must book them a coronavirus test.
- Live with someone who has coronavirus symptoms. They must self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of the household member's symptoms or until the household member receives a negative test result.

- Have tested positive for coronavirus. They must self-isolate from the onset of symptoms.
- Live with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus. They must self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of the household member's symptoms.
- Have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Track and Trace.

The key symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Food parcels

Between Tuesday 5th January and Friday 15th January, food parcels will be available from school for pupils learning remotely, who are eligible for free school meals. These can be collected between 10am and 12pm.

Physical Education lessons

There will be no practical PE lessons for secondary section pupils until Monday 18th January. Year 11 pupils attending school during w/c 11th January should wear normal school uniform on the days they have PE. PE lessons will commence on Monday 18th January.

National Tier system

The guidance asks us to remind you that children and young people must comply with the rules according to the tier in which they live. The guidance asks parents and carers to help ensure that their children follow the rules. Harrow is currently in Tier 4. [Please click here to read the guidance regarding Tier 4.](#)

Many thanks for your positivity and support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Watson
Headteacher