

Dear Parent/Carer,

31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

I hope you have had a restful, quiet Christmas. I am writing this brief letter to ensure you are all prepared for arrangements for the new school term. (As ever, the guidance I am following at the time of writing is subject to change!)

I am sure many of you are aware of yesterday's Government announcement that secondary aged children will now not return to school until 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

To confirm, **Year 5 and 6 pupils will return as normal on the 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.** School provision for these pupils will not be affected.

**Year 7 and 8 children will return to school as normal on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.**

**From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January,** all year 7 and 8 pupils will have a timetable of remote provision to follow. We have prepared a suitable timetable to ensure all pupils will have the appropriate delivery to support their learning during this time. The timetable for each year group is on the website and the appropriate links were included in my last letter.

I would like to remind you that the Government have also announced that vulnerable children and children of critical workers can attend school from the 4<sup>th</sup> January (see link below for definitions of these categories).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If your child falls under one of these categories and you intend to send them to school from the 4<sup>th</sup> January, **please ensure you notify us of your intentions at your earliest convenience.** Simply email your child's name and form group to [covid19@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk). You do not need to take any further action or contact any other colleague. We will not be able to respond to these emails, but please rest assured your confirmation will be acted upon and your child should attend as normal.

Children who do attend must wear full school uniform.

We will not be able to provide any face to face teaching for those Year 7 and 8 pupils who do attend during this first week. I am sure you will appreciate their teachers will be delivering lessons to KS2 children as well as on-line lessons to their KS3 peers. Those who do attend will follow the same timetable and have the same provision as those at home. They will be allocated a fixed room with other children from their year group and will have access to a laptop and appropriate space to complete their work. Break and lunchtimes will be as normal.

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You may also be aware that we are charged with the responsibility of providing “lateral flow” tests for all KS3 pupils and school staff. The logistics of this provision are highly challenging and I am discussing with senior colleagues and Governors as to how this will be implemented.

I hope to provide more detailed information on this before the end of next week.

I hope you all have a happy new year!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P J Bowers', with a stylized flourish underneath.

P J Bowers  
Headteacher