



## Learning to shape the future

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18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### Arrangements for January 2021

Please see below information for an update to my email of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

The government has asked secondary schools to do the following in the first week of the Spring Term prior to the full return of all learners on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

- Teach Year 11 and Year 13 learners in school.
- Provide on-site provision for key worker and vulnerable children from Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 in school.
- Provide remote learning for all other learners in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12.
- Participate in the national mass testing programme for schools.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 has now been designated an INSET day and we will therefore be closed to learners. This is in response to the Governments request for a roll out of mass testing.

### Year 11 and Year 13 Provision in School

Year 11 and 13 learners should attend school as normal from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January and follow all the normal arrangements we have in place currently.

### Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 Key Worker and Vulnerable Learner Provision

As was the case back in the Summer Term, secondary schools have been asked to cater for key worker and vulnerable children in school in the first week back in January. Please email [dorans@uptonhigh.co.uk](mailto:dorans@uptonhigh.co.uk) over the holidays to let us know if you would like your child to use the provision.

### Remote Learning Provision for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12.

Lessons will be provided on Google Classrooms. Wherever possible, staff will host live lessons on Google Meet. Please note that these lessons will be between 40 and 50 minutes in length to give staff adequate time to move across the school site between lessons. All lessons will follow the learners' normal school timetable and will commence within 5 minutes of the scheduled lesson start time. Where a live Google Meet is not possible, staff will post the lesson content, resources and tasks on Google Classroom for the learners to complete.

All learners should participate in all of their lessons following their school timetable. Attendance to the Google Meet and Google Classroom lessons will be monitored as well as learners engagement and completion of work. All students have been working with Google Classrooms for several months now and therefore should find this process straightforward. However, if your child needs any support in accessing their Google Classrooms please email [bradburys@uptonhigh.co.uk](mailto:bradburys@uptonhigh.co.uk) and we will pass your query to the relevant teacher. If you have any other concerns or queries regarding access to Google Classrooms and live lessons please do get in touch and we will endeavour to resolve these swiftly.





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Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring our learners fully engage with their remote learning.

### **Learners on Free Schools Meals**

Please note that you will receive a supermarket e-voucher for any learners who are entitled to Free School Meals. This will be emailed to parents on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. .

### **Mass Testing Programme**

Once further details are available we will need to decide as a school whether, and how, we take part in the national mass testing programme in schools. Further information to follow on this once it becomes available.

I appreciate your support in all the matters above. I am also aware that there are very likely to be further updates during the holiday. We will keep you informed of them as appropriate.

Again, I hope you all have a lovely festive season and I will be in touch with any further information as required.

Yours faithfully

L Cummins  
Headteacher

