



Return to School: January 2021

V2 Guidance for Students and Parents

Further to publication of DFE Guidance on 30 December. [This guidance replaces the guidance issued on 18.12.20]

Week beginning 4 January 2021

Curriculum

- All students who are classed as vulnerable*, or children of critical workers, or those who may experience trouble in accessing remote education, may come in to school from Tuesday 5 January. Educational provision will be provided, as per the normal curriculum, and students kept in their year groups. Catering will be provided. A form will be sent out shortly to assess demand for this service. Replies are requested by 10:30 Monday 4 January at the latest, to plan supervision/catering etc.
- Remote education will be provided for exam year groups [Year 11 and 13] from Tuesday 5 January.
 - In Year 13 students will be expected to follow their normal curriculum. Staff will schedule 'live' lessons for at least 50% of lessons, or some element of those lessons, where possible and where relevant. All content will be delivered via Teams.
 - Year 11s will have their mock exams in the week beginning 11 January. From Tuesday 5 January, Year 11s will be expected to follow, and be registered for, their normal full timetable of lessons as 'live lessons'. Teachers will be able to allocate the time in those lessons to either the delivery of new content, or a structured revision lesson, or as a revision 'drop in' session in preparation for the mocks.
- Remote education will be provided for Years 7-10 & 12. These year groups will be expected to follow their normal curriculum and at least 50% of lessons, or some element of those lessons will be 'live', where possible and where relevant. All content will be delivered via Teams. Year 12 will be directed to their live lessons by teachers. Years 7-10 will follow a published timetable which will be sent out on Monday by Mr Auger. This will indicate which lessons students are required to join to help their planning.

Attendance

- Students are not expected in school and will be given a code X. However, if a student is unable to attend a 'live lesson' due to illness, please notify reception in the usual way so that teaching staff know.

Boarding

- Only boarders with pre-existing travel arrangements which cannot be changed [e.g. return from abroad] may return from the evening of Monday 4 January.
- Year 11 & 13 boarders may return on Thursday 7 January between 2 - 4 pm. This will allow time to arrange for suitable testing to be in place.
- Year 7-10 & 12 boarders may return on Sunday 10 January between 2 – 4 pm. Again testing will be in place for arrivals.

- All boarders on return will be able to access remote learning in an allocated day room during the normal timetabled day. Some students may be allowed to access remote learning in the boarding house subject to capacity.
- Mrs Day will be in touch with all boarding parents to ascertain when boarders will be returning and also to allocate arrival slots. These must be strictly adhered to enable effective planning and the testing of arrivals.

Week beginning 11 January

Curriculum

- All students who are classed as vulnerable* or children of critical workers can continue to come in to school from Monday 11 January. Educational provision will be provided and students kept in their year groups.
- Full on site education will be provided for all Year 11 and 13 students from Monday 11 January. Year 13 students will follow their normal timetable. Year 11 will be in mock examinations as per the existing published timetable from Tuesday 12 to Friday 15 January.
- Remote education will continue for Years 7-10 & 12 from Monday 11 January.

School Operations

- Full school uniform will be expected of those in school.
- A normal catering service will be provided during this week.
- Normal home to school transport will operate.

Week beginning 18 January

- All students are expected back in full time education

On site covid-testing

- Planning for onsite testing will take place in the week beginning 4 January
- We will aim to test all boarders on arrival back at school
- It is likely that testing of Year 11s & 13s will be scheduled for Monday 11 January
- Testing of other year groups will be arranged for the week beginning the 11 January and further information about timings/transport etc. will be circulated.
- This is a separate to the gov.uk announcement on 15 December announcing rapid testing of all students and staff who are subject to self-isolation due to close contact with an infected person.
- All plans may be subject to change in light of any subsequent announcement by gov.uk. However, gov.uk estimate that a school of RGS' size will require 12 staff to administer the testing requirements. If any parents are willing to volunteer their services in this matter then pleased do drop me a line in the next few days. Any support would be most warmly welcomed!

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*DFE guidance lists those students who are classified as 'vulnerable' on pages 4/5

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021>