

30 November 2023



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Dear Parents and Carers

I always start my communication with a huge thank you for your support and patience. As a school and local community this is an immensely challenging time. We completely acknowledge the effect this prolonged disruption is having on everyone's wellbeing and our children's learning.

In Tuesday's communication I gave an indication of the number and type of temporary accommodation as well as a prospective end date to the online learning. The letter also requested parental views on a proposed change. I would strongly encourage parents and carers to give their views on this matter for the Governors to consider. Please use the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/UYTiqndQMa> to give your viewpoints. We are still on course to welcome all years back to school as soon as the Spring term starts.

The plan moving forward

Whilst I gave the date of return for the whole school as 9th January (pending Governor consideration), I am mindful that we still have over three weeks remaining of term. Our current plan is running with three-year groups on site for the full day. Our goal has always been to get as many students on site as early as possible. This has always been dependent on having extra toilet facilities and a sufficient space for students to eat and shelter during lunchtime. Today, I have been given information from the LA and suppliers that the toilet block will be available from Wednesday of next week but it is unlikely the temporary eating space will be ready until the end of term. This could have delayed our plans for a fourth-year group being in school each day but we believe we can work around it.

As such and with the agreement and support of the LA on **Wednesday** next week we hope to start having four-year groups in at the same time. The caveat here is that given the restriction on space alongside the continued work that is ongoing through the site it is necessary to shorten the school day for some year groups. So, for all years **except Year 11**, school will finish at 1.20pm and buses will leave school at 1.30pm. Year 11 will then continue with their lessons through to the normal end of school. We will make provision for a small and invited group of students in Years 7 to 10 who will also stay in school until 3pm. Transport will then be available at 3pm for all students remaining on site.

We will serve a limited hot food provision during breaktime. Breaks will now be split accordingly to reduce the pressure on our limited kitchen space. Further information about the structure of the school day will be issued early next week. For those students entitled to free school meals we will continue to provide vouchers for those working remotely or make available a grab and go provision before they leave the site.

As we move to increase the number of students we see on a daily basis here at school and with more regularity, we will move away from MS Teams lessons from Wednesday 6th December. **The lessons will return to recorded MS Streams, with all work set through Class Charts on Wednesday 6th December.** This decision has been taken so that students who have further to travel can still access their period 5 lesson despite arriving at home at different times. Staff not conducting MS Teams P.1-4 also ensures that it is clearer for students as remote work will always be in the same place and it also enables us to ensure adequate and safe supervision of the site for a full four-year group to attend each day (teaching staff can prepare MS Streams flexibly). I hope you can appreciate that all of these changes are being put in place to ensure that we can have the maximum number of students on site at any given time.



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So, the plan for attendance moving forward is as follows: -

Week A

Monday 4th December

Years 11, 10 and Year 8 are in school for face to face teaching. Years 7 and 9 are **remote learning on MS Teams**. Day finishes at 3pm for all students in school.

Tuesday 5th December

Years 11, 10 and Year 7 are in school for face to face teaching. Years 8 and 9 are **remote learning on MS Teams**. Day finishes at 3pm for all students in school.

Wednesday 6th December – remote learning reverts to MS Streams

Years 11, 10, 7 and 9 are in school for face to face teaching. Year 8 are remote learning. Buses will collect Years 7, 9 and 10 at 1.30pm and period 5 for these year groups will be remote learning. Year 11 will finish at 3pm.

Thursday 7th December

Years 11, 10, 7 and 8 are in school for face to face teaching. Year 9 are remote learning. Buses will collect Years 7, 8 and 10 at 1.30pm and period 5 for these year groups will be remote learning. Year 11 will finish at 3pm.

Friday 8th December

Years 11, 10, 7 and 8 are in school for face to face teaching. Year 9 are remote learning. Buses will collect Years 7, 8 and 10 at 1.30pm and period 5 for these year groups will be remote learning. Year 11 will finish at 3pm.

Week B

Monday 11th December

Years 11, 10, 7 and Year 9 are in school for face to face teaching. Year 8 are remote learning. Buses will collect Years 7, 9 and 10 at 1.30pm and period 5 for these year groups will be remote learning. Year 11 will finish at 3pm.

Tuesday 12th December

Years 11, 10, 7 and Year 9 are in school for face to face teaching. Year 8 are remote learning. Buses will collect Years 7, 9 and 10 at 1.30pm and period 5 for these year groups will be remote learning. Year 11 will finish at 3pm.

Wednesday 13th December

Years 11, 10, 7 and 9 are in school for face to face teaching. Year 8 are remote learning. Buses will collect Years 7, 9 and 10 at 1.30pm and period 5 for these year groups will be remote learning. Year 11 will finish at 3pm.

Thursday 14th December

Years 11, 10, 7 and 8 are in school for face to face teaching. Year 9 are remote learning. Buses will collect Years 7, 8 and 10 at 1.30pm and period 5 for these year groups will be remote learning. Year 11 will finish at 3pm.

Friday 15th December

Years 11, 10, 7 and 8 are in school for face to face teaching. Year 9 are remote learning. Buses will collect Years 7, 8 and 10 at 1.30pm and period 5 for these year groups will be remote learning. Year 11 will finish at 3pm.



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Week A
Monday 18th December

Years 11, 10, 7 and Year 8 are in school for face to face teaching. Year 9 are remote learning. Buses will collect Years 7, 8 and 10 at 1.30pm and period 5 for these year groups will be remote learning. Year 11 will finish at 3pm.

Tuesday 19th December

Years 11, 10, 7 and Year 9 are in school for face to face teaching. Year 8 are remote learning. Buses will collect Years 7, 9 and 10 at 1.30pm and period 5 for these year groups will be remote learning. Year 11 will finish at 3pm.

Wednesday 20th December

Years 11, 10, 7 and 9 are in school for face to face teaching. Year 8 are remote learning. Buses will collect Years 7, 9 and 10 at 1.30pm and period 5 for these year groups will be remote learning. Year 11 will finish at 3pm.

Thursday 21th December

Years 11, 10, 7 and 8 are in school for face to face teaching. Year 9 are remote learning. Buses will collect Years 7, 8, 10 and 11 at **12.20pm** as previously published.

Friday 22nd December

School closed to students as previously published.

PE kit

As you are no doubt aware a lack of changing facilities means that we are allowing students to attend school in their PE kit. May I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers over the uniform requirements for PE during this time.

Black tracksuit bottoms/leggings. Red PE top and muted blue, black or grey hooded top. Waterproof (must not be worn in school). Students should also have a change of socks and appropriate spare footwear (e.g. black trainers) to change into if they get muddy. Please note that students should not be wearing any sort of canvas shoes or trainers to school. If students do not have PE on the day they are in school they must wear full school uniform and in particular appropriate footwear.

Charitable giving

This year's charitable giving campaign is aimed at helping children affected by abject poverty or other challenging circumstances such as being Young Carers, being homeless or escaping violence and abuse etc. Massive thanks to those of you who have already given; it is hard to convey how much your kindness and generosity means.


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For those still wishing to donate, please deliver any of the items listed below, to our main reception before Friday 15th December.

- 1) A new gift for a secondary aged child (unwrapped).
- 2) Foodbank items such as:

- Long life milk
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned meatballs/other meats/stews/soups
- Fruit cordial
- Tinned Fruit
- Biscuits
- Jam
- Sugar
- Breakfast cereals
- Toiletries: toothbrushes, toothpaste, nappies, shampoo, sanitary items, soap etc.
- Other dried/tinned goods

Recognising the hard work of our students.

As stated at the beginning this is an extremely difficult time. In all of this we have to recognise the difficulties students are facing on a daily basis but also celebrate their achievements. I am sure many of you will have seen the House competitions on social media and we are still running as many extra-curricular activities & sporting fixtures as possible especially in music and PE. We will be fully up and running with these in January. Other opportunities will include:-

Whole school raffle. An opportunity for all

Each student will be given a number and placed into a whole school raffle. This is in recognition of all students in the last few weeks working together under the unprecedented times. The raffle will be drawn in the last week of term in the Praise assemblies.

Stars of the week

We will be sending out "Stars of the Week" Praise Postcards and emails to recognise students' efforts and hard work in these difficult times.

Christmas Cinema experience

In addition to this, we wanted to recognise "Rising Stars" in each year group. These will be students that always follow expectations and are getting it right. There will be a Christmas Cinema Experience in the last week of term where students will be able to sit back and enjoy a festive film and have a few treats. Served by Bramhall High's Elves.



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I will communicate again on Monday where I will update you on the progress on the temporary buildings, transport changes, catering and the structure of the school day from Wednesday 6th December.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and patience and I hope all the school community has a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Williams
Headteacher

