

1st January 2021

School re-opening in January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable and safe Christmas.

As you know, we have worked incredibly hard since the start of the pandemic in March to keep our school as safe as possible, and that work has continued over the Christmas holiday period. I would like to thank our incredible staff for their commitment and professionalism, which has seen many working over the holidays.

INFORMATION RELATING TO SCHOOL RE-OPENING IN JANUARY 2021

The Government has now announced that secondary schools will re-open on a phased basis, this means at Goodwin Academy:

- Vulnerable students/students of key worker parents:
 - If your child is classed as vulnerable (this includes children in care and/or students who attend our Specialist Resourced Provision) or if you or your partner is a critical worker, then they can return to school from Tuesday 5th January where they will receive face-to-face support along with online teaching.
- Students in Years 11, 12 & 13:
 - They will return to school based learning on **Monday 11th January**.
 - Students in these year groups are expected to engage fully with their remote learning from **Tuesday 5th January**, so that they keep up with their education. Students are expected to follow their normal timetable at 8.30am every morning, however, on Tuesday 5th January this will be from 9am.
 - All **external exams** for students in Years 11-13 that are planned from Wednesday 6th January **will continue**. Students must arrive in uniform and register in the Dining Hall 15 minutes before the start of each exam.
- Students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10:
 - They will return to school based learning on **Monday 18th January**.
 - Students in these year groups are expected to engage fully with their remote learning from **Wednesday 6th January**, so that they keep up with education. Students are expected to follow their normal timetable at 8.30am every morning,

As before, a great deal of planning and risk assessment has gone into ensuring that our school continues to be as safe as for pupils and staff, in line with latest Government and Public Health England guidance.

We will continue to take decisions in the best interests of our pupils, keeping you informed every step of the way, while following Government rules and advice.

IMPORTANT

Following the Christmas break, if your child or anyone in your household has developed symptoms **on or after Wednesday 23rd December do not return to school on Tuesday 5th January**. Please book a test and seek advice from the nhs.uk website at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

In this instance please contact the school office from Monday 4th January, and we will advise you on the self-isolation measures.

VULNERABLE STUDENTS AND CRITICAL WORKER PROVISION

I appreciate that for many parents, the closure of your school will cause further disruption. We are committed to supporting our most vulnerable students and the children of critical workers who are dealing with the current crisis.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision:

- Health and social care
- Education or childcare
- Key public services
- Local or National Government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

If you wish to use this provision please complete the below form and email it to office@goodwinacademy.org.uk by 10am on Monday 4th January.

You must give the school 24 hours notice that you need to use this provision so that we can provide appropriate staffing. Students arriving without giving 24 hours' notice may be turned away if we do not have adequate staffing.

You may have heard that testing for those without coronavirus symptoms is being introduced within secondary schools. We will be working week commencing 4th January on how we will implement testing within our school and I will write to you again to keep you updated with further information.

I hope that the information in this letter is helpful and clear. If you have any questions, please email office@goodwinacademy.org.uk.



In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy New Year. Please do continue to take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Smith
Principal



Am I a 'critical worker' to the COVID-19 response?

[Click here for current list](#)

YES

NO

**Are both parents/carers
'critical workers' to the
COVID-19 response?**

**Keep your child at
home as per the
school's rota system.
They will be able to
access learning from
home.**

YES

NO

**Are you able to keep your child safe at
home?
i.e. That at least one parent/carer is
working from home**

**Please keep your child at
home as per the school's
rota system. They will be
able to access learning from
home.**

YES

NO

THE SCHOOL CAN PROVIDE CARE FOR YOUR CHILD

School will need to establish:

- Proof of critical worker status (pay slip, letter from employer, Photo ID etc.)**
- Parent/Carer permission via completion of the enrolment form**

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Supervision for eligible students at Goodwin Academy

Name of student:	Year group:	Form:
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Reason for eligibility:

Key worker? Yes / No	If yes – what is your role?	Pleased tick to confirm that you have attached evidence of role – please see below for guidance.
Vulnerable student? Yes / No	The school will already have the evidence of this	

Days you would like your child to be supervised – **please tick after cross-referencing with the rota for your daughter/son's year group:**

	Tues 5th January	Weds 6th January	Thurs 7th January	Friday 8th January
Mon 11th January	Tues 12th January	Weds 13th January	Thurs 14th January	Friday 15th January

Students who are attending this provision will need to wear full school uniform. They will be provided with a computer so that they can join their lessons throughout the day.

If numbers wanting to access the key worker/vulnerable student bubble are higher than staffing allows, vulnerable students will be prioritised.

I understand that:

- **If anyone in my household exhibits symptoms of Coronavirus my child will not attend school for 10 days from the point that the symptoms started. The school will need to be notified.**
- **If my child exhibits any symptoms of the Coronavirus they will not attend school for 10 days from the date of symptom onset and until they are better and no longer have any symptoms. The school will be notified.**
- **If my child exhibits any symptoms of the Coronavirus whilst in childcare they will be isolated and I will be asked to pick them up immediately. The school will advise me of the self-isolation timeline.**
- **If a child in the key worker bubble tests positive for Coronavirus, the school will carry out track and trace and notify parents if their child needs to be collected to self-isolate**

Please sign below to confirm that you have read and understood this letter and the expectations for students attending for supervision:

Parental name	Parent signature	Date

Evidence of role should include one of the following:

- Signed letter from employer stating that you work in the services listed here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#critical-workers>
- Pay slip, letter from employer, Photo ID from Emergency services, Education, Government etc.