

Dear Parents / Carers

Following the most recent announcement from the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, all secondary schools in England have been instructed to implement **a staggered return to on-site learning** at the beginning of next term and to make the necessary preparations to deliver a Covid testing programme for staff and students. In line with this, please see the details below for all Nova secondary schools and colleges, to support your planning for the new term:

- Monday, 4 January 2021, will be an INSET day for ALL students. This is an additional logistical planning day to prepare to deliver the COVID testing programme. There **will not** be any on-site or remote learning provision that day.
- For Year 10 and 11 students, undertaking their exam on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January, they should still attend. They should arrive at 8:45 and proceed immediately to the Gym. Students in Year 10 must return home at the end of the exam.
- Any vulnerable children and children of key workers may return to on-site provision on Tuesday January 5, and will be prioritised for testing as soon as the programme is established. **Please note this should only be used if both parents/carers are key workers and have no alternative childcare arrangements in place.** You must register the need for your child to be in school by emailing the school at [office@garibaldischool.co.uk](mailto:office@garibaldischool.co.uk) by 9am, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 detailing the name and year group of your child, your name and keyworker role and a contact telephone number.
- **Remote education** will be provided for all other year groups (**Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10 and Y12**) during the first week of term, before a full return to school from 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Similar to the autumn term, our remote provision will be delivered via MS Teams and the 'subjects' area of the school website. We will aim to live stream as many lessons as possible via MS Teams, as per your child's usual timetable. Students should adhere to the timings of their normal school timetable, including breaks and lunchtimes. All students are now fully conversant in how to access and use our remote provision.

With regard to the testing arrangements, we will provide you with the details once we have received specific guidance from the government and prepared our on-site test provision.

As always, these arrangements are still subject to change and further details will be provided if this is the case.

Thank you for your unrelenting support in what continues to be unprecedented times.

Best wishes for a safe and restful Christmas

Yours Sincerely,



Mr J Aldred  
Head of School