

St Matthew Academy

St Joseph's Vale, Blackheath, London SE3 0XX

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21st December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update on Returning to School from Tuesday 5th January 2021

You will no doubt have seen the media coverage of the Government's latest announcements regarding the return to school in January and the new COVID-19 testing plans for staff and secondary age pupils. As it stands at the moment, there will be a 'staggered start' for secondary students returning to school in January 2021 to allow schools to set up Covid-19 Testing Stations.

As you are aware, Monday 4th January 2021 is already a planned INSET day and the Academy will therefore be closed to all pupils. On Tuesday 5th January, as directed by the Government, only pupils in the primary phase, Year 11, vulnerable children and the children of key workers will attend the Academy in person. All other pupils (Years 7-10) will access our remote learning offer via Google Classrooms from home, during the first week of term. Face-to-face education for these Year Groups is planned to start again on 11th January 2021.

If you are a Key worker and sent your child into school between March and July 2020 you are already registered with us as having Key Worker status. Please email us at info@stmattghewacademy.co.uk if you intend to send your child into school. If you are a new parent or have changed role and you need your child to attend school from Tuesday 5th January, please send an email to info@stmatthewacademy.co.uk with 'Key Worker' in the subject heading and providing proof of your Key Worker status. This could simply be a photograph of your lanyard or a photograph of a document that shows where you work attached to the email.

We will be in contact again before the start of term with more details regarding testing and detailed instructions regarding remote learning for Year 7 to 10 pupils. If you have any concerns or queries over the holidays please do not telephone school, please contact us via the email helpdesk info@stmatthewacademy.co.uk so your query can be directed quickly and efficiently to the most appropriate member of staff.

Wishing all our pupils and families a safe and restful Christmas holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Ms M Baldwin
Headteacher

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