

THE LEIGH ACADEMY

31st December 2020

JCO/JHR/Return/Dates



Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Return Dates Confirmation

I hope that you and your families are well and have been able to enjoy some time together over the Christmas break. I am writing to clarify return dates in January 2021 following on from the announcements yesterday 30th December, from the Education Secretary and the Prime Minister, who stated that secondary academies return dates will be further delayed.

The following should help to clarify what will happen next for your child at The Leigh Academy:

Module 3

Week beginning 4th January 2021

- Monday 4th January - staff training day as previously planned
- Tuesday 5th January to Friday 8th January - All students in Years 7 to 13 have remote learning at home. Students will follow their usual timetable of lessons with work being set in the Google Classrooms with some 'live lessons'.
- Students in Post-16 who have BTEC/public examinations this week will still attend the academy for their examinations at the times and dates already shared.
- Provision will be available for children of key workers and vulnerable students to attend on site education from Tuesday 5th January if required. If that applies to you then you should already have received a letter and you should reply to info@leighacademy.org.uk to 'book' a place for your child. Further details will then be shared with you on Monday 4th January.

Week beginning Monday 11th January 2021

- Monday 11th January - Year 11 and Year 13 return to on-site learning.
- All other year groups continue with remote learning at home for the week.
- Key Worker and vulnerable student provision will continue on site

Week beginning Monday 18th January 2021

- All year groups return to on-site learning.
(Although the government has said that this date will be reviewed nearer the time)

Whilst we are disappointed that all of our children will not be returning to on-site learning with us for the start of term, we fully support the government's decision to keep secondary students at home to ensure the safety of all and to allow schools time to set up the mass testing scheme.

I will write to families again on Monday 4th January with further details regarding 'mass testing'. I want to reassure you, however, that no testing will take place in the academy, without full information having been shared with parents/carers first and consent having been given.

Thank you for your ongoing support over these challenging and ever-changing times. If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact the academy on Monday 4th January, when staff will be available.

Yours faithfully

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