



# THE THOMAS LORD AUDLEY SCHOOL

## Part of The Sigma Trust

*Headteacher: Helena Boast BA MEd*

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Government announcement yesterday afternoon I am writing to communicate with you our plans for the week commencing 4th January 2021.

The Government has advised schools to stagger their return following the Christmas period to allow time for us to start mass Covid testing across the school. The education secretary went on to say "this additional testing will catch those who have the virus but are not showing symptoms to help schools and colleges stay in control of the virus throughout the spring term". At the current time, schools have not received any information on what this testing will look like in practical terms.

In line with this announcement, we are arranging a staggered start for students in the week commencing Monday 4th January. We will follow the Government expectation and prioritise students in examination year groups and ensure we have provision for students who are vulnerable or have parents who are critical workers.

### **Provision for each Year group:**

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will follow a remote learning timetable at home. There will be an additional Staff Training Day on 4th January, with remote learning starting on 5th January. Students will follow their existing school timetable and will have learning posted online in the Google Classroom. At the time of the scheduled lesson the member of staff will be available remotely to support the learning for students via Google Classroom, but not by audio or video link.

Despite the Training Day, students in Year 11 will return to school on Monday 4th January at their normal time and follow their normal school timetable. The planned pre-public examinations will take place from Tuesday 5th January.

On Monday 11th January all students will return to school at their usual start times and will follow their normal school timetables.

### **Students who are vulnerable or have critical working parents:**

If you are classed as a critical worker and you require in-school provision for your child during the week beginning 4th January please complete the following form: [Click here](#) by midday on Wednesday 30 December. Students who require provision will attend school and follow lessons for their normal timetable. If your child attended school during the first national lockdown, because they are classified as 'vulnerable' please also complete this form. If you are unsure if your child is able to attend school please email [enquiries@tla.school](mailto:enquiries@tla.school) and provide as much information as possible about why you think your child might be classed as 'vulnerable'.

### **ICT Help and support:**



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So that we can support your child with remote learning please make us aware if you need to borrow a device from school by completing the following form if you have not already done so: [Click Here](#) If this form is completed before 11am on Friday 18th December , we will try to get a device to your child before they leave school. If not, we will confirm with you how you can collect the device in January.

I know that you may find this news frustrating, particularly so late in term, however we have communicated with you at the earliest opportunity. As always I would like to thank you for your support in what continues to be a challenging time.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Essex  
Headteacher Designate