



The Featherstone Academy

Thursday 17 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

IMPORTANT NOTICE: STAGGERED START TO SPRING TERM 2021

Following the DfE's announcement this afternoon, there will be a staggered start to the Spring Term in January 2021.

There is an expectation that all Year 11 students will be back in the academy on Monday 4 January 2021. We will also be open to vulnerable children and those children of critical workers from Monday 4 January 2021, as we did during the original lockdown earlier this year. If your child falls under this category, then we will require evidence of this – please email admin@featherstone.academy with full details. The definition of a critical worker can be found on the government website here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

All remaining students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will return to the academy on Monday 11 January 2021. It is our expectation that all students will access blended learning through Microsoft Teams from Monday 4 January 2021. They will be provided with the same experience in terms of blended learning as any student that had to self-isolate over the Autumn term.

Some Year 10 students are due to sit official exams w/c Monday 4 January 2021 – we will contact them separately to discuss the arrangements for these.

On behalf of the Senior Leadership Team, we appreciate the short notice of this situation and we thank you for your continuing support with this ever changing landscape.

Yours sincerely

Mr W Bush
Principal