



31 December 2020

Dear Parents & Carers of pupils attending the CMAT Secondary Schools,

Changes to the start of term

Further to my letter of 18 December, we have now been informed by the Department for Education that there will be further changes to the start of term for all secondary schools nationally. At the time of writing, these are the arrangements –

Year Group	Week beginning Monday 4 January	Week beginning Monday 11 January	Week beginning Monday 18 January
7, 8 and 9	Pupils working from home Work set but not necessarily live / pre- recorded lessons	Pupils working from home Work set and some live / pre-recorded lessons	
10 and 12 11 and 13	Pupils working from home Work set and some live / pre-recorded lessons Pupils working from home	Pupils working from home Work set including live / pre-recorded lessons Pupils return to school This <u>may</u> be on a	All pupils return to school This <u>may</u> be on a staggered basis - parents will be
	Work set including live / pre-recorded lessons	staggered basis - parents will be informed of details next week	informed of details next week
The children of key workers* and those identified by the school as vulnerable in all year groups	Pupils return to school from Tuesday 5 January and will be supervised in "bubbles" whilst completing the work set remotely by their teachers		

*If either parent is a key worker and you require a place for your child in school from 5 – 15 January, you must inform the school reception between 9am and 11.00 am on Monday 4 January.

I am very sorry if this late change in arrangements will inconvenience you; <u>please understand that</u> <u>this is not the decision of either your child's school or the CMAT</u>, but comes from central government. We always do our very best to give you sufficient notice for school closures.

I will write to all parents again on Tuesday (5 January) with details about how the lateral flow testing for COVID-19 will be rolled out across our secondary schools to enable safe reopening of the schools.

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This letter will include a parental consent form for pupils up to and including Year 11 (Sixth Form students can choose to give their own consent).

In the meantime, I wish you a very happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

N. Lockyer.

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