



Ark Evelyn Grace Academy

Friday 18th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrangements for Returning to School in January 2021

I hope you have enjoyed the start of the Christmas break. I am writing to provide you with further important information on our arrangements for returning to school in January 2021.

The government announced yesterday that there will be a staggered return to secondary schools, with some pupils starting with online learning rather than in class. The following arrangements will be in place for Ark Evelyn Grace Academy students:

Monday 4th January Staff only Inset Day

Tuesday 5th January

- All pupils in Year 11 return to school – gates open 08:00am - 08:25am
- Vulnerable or critical worker children return to school
- Pupils in Years 7-10 commence online learning

Monday 11th January

- All pupils in Years 7-10 return to school – gates open at 08:00m for line up at 8:25am.
- There will be no more staggered starts to the school day.

The first six days school days of 2021

	M: 4/1/21	T: 5/1/21	W: 6/1/21	T: 7/1/21	F: 8/1/21	M: 11/1/21
Year 11	Staff only Inset Day	In school				All pupils in school
Year 10		Online learning				
Year 9		Online learning				
Year 8		Online learning				
Year 7		Online learning				

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Vulnerable or Critical Worker Children

If your child is classified as vulnerable or you are a critical worker, they are expected to attend school from Tuesday 5th January for supervised study in one of our Computing rooms. Parents of students eligible under the vulnerable or critical worker groups will already have been in contact with Miss Walley (Assistant Headteacher Inclusion) throughout the Coronavirus period. Importantly, if your child does not have access to a device or the internet they too are classified as vulnerable and must attend school. Please confirm your child's attendance by emailing Mr McEwen: daniel.mcewen@evelyngraceacademy.org as soon as possible.

Volunteer to Support with Based COVID-19 Testing Scheme

The government is asking schools to establish a regular testing programme to test staff and the close contacts of staff and pupils. We are waiting to receive further information on this programme but anticipate that we may need support from the wider school community to staff such a facility effectively whilst also running the main school. If you are interested in volunteering to support this project please email: russell.duncombe@evelyngraceacademy.org as soon as possible.

Arrangements for Online Learning

Detailed arrangements for online learning will be shared with parents and pupils via SMHW, parent text and email on Tuesday 4th January. Lessons will take place live via Microsoft Teams but may also utilise pre-recorded messages from teachers, online learning platforms and independent study tasks. Pupils will follow the timings of the school day as set out in the table below:

Timing	Period
08:30am – 08:55am	Tutor Time and Assembly
08:55am – 09:50am	Period 1
09:50am – 10:40am	Period 2
10:40am – 10:55am	Break
10:55am – 11:50am	Period 3
11:50am – 12:40pm	Period 4*

The afternoon will be an opportunity for staff to mark and plan and follow up with parents and students regarding attendance and completion of work. Students in years 7-10 will have the opportunity to complete work not yet completed. **Year 11 students will have a normal school day periods 1-6 with normal timings.**

Further information on the expectations for remote learning and how you can support your child from home can be found [here](#). Support will also be available throughout the online learning period by emailing your child's Director of Learning in the first instance:

Years 7 and 9: erron.beckford@evelyngraceacademy.org

Years 8 and 10: john.commettant@evelyngraceacademy.org

Vice Principal: fiona.findlay@evelyngraceacademy.org

Pupils experiencing persistent technical difficulties will be classified as vulnerable and expected to attend school. A device may be made available if parents come to collect and sign the required documentation.

Returning to School – Standards and Expectations

When pupils return to school our expectations will be sky high. We continue to be very proud of our students and how well they have responded to our standards for school uniforms. We want to extend a huge thank you to all parents and carers for all their efforts in ensuring our school continues to have students with excellent uniform.

We send these reminders during school breaks to best support and remind you, should you need to organise any additional uniform items and to ensure you have plenty of time to do so before the new term starts.

This is a reminder about what our staff will be expecting to see from your child upon their return from the Christmas holidays:

1. Students have a pencil case with the following equipment inside:
 - A ruler
 - Two black pens
 - Two red pens
 - An eraser
 - A scientific calculator
 - An EGA planner
2. There should be no jewellery other than one gold or silver stud in the soft part of the ear. No other piercings are permitted.
3. KS3 students must have an EGA school bag. KS4 students can have a school bag of your own, but must be plain black, only a small logo is permitted.
4. Students should not return to school with **unnatural hair colour**.
5. Make-up, false eyelashes and nails are all not permitted.
6. Skirts must fall below the knee whilst standing upright and trousers must be worn on the waistline (not below).
7. Mobile Phones which are seen or heard will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.

Students arriving without the correct school uniform or equipment will not be permitted to enter main school circulation. Instead, these students will be directed to our Internal Exclusion room (IE) where they will remain until their uniform is corrected, parents attend School to provide the missing items or parental permission is granted for the pupil to travel home to correct their uniform. Whilst in IE, students will complete silent study.

Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in students not wearing coats and/or not eating lunch. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that all students should be wearing a black or blue coat, have enough money on their lunch account or bring in a packed lunch. It is important that students stay warm and fully fuelled throughout the day.

New Parent App – My Child at School (MCAS)

Lastly, I'd like to remind all in our community about the parent app that is now available. We have listened to your feedback and feel confident that this new parent app will provide you

with all the information you need. This app allows parents to access their child's attendance, behaviour information, reports, school messages, and more both from a free mobile application as well as online.

Please review the step-by-step instructions [here](#) to download and register with MCAS.

As always, many thanks for your ongoing support. Wishing all members of the EGA community a wonderful holiday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Dainty', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr T Dainty

Principal

Ark Evelyn Grace Academy