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Roding Valley
HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, our staff would like to say thank you all for your continued support of RVHS during these challenging times. Within this letter, I would like to outline the remote learning provision and confirm the staggered return to face to face teaching.

The Government has stated that remote learning must only be provided from the 11th January to groups other than the exam groups, and only where possible from the 4th January. However, as we very much value the importance of remote learning, we will be offering both live lessons and self-directed learning from the 5th January for **all of our** students.

Please see the headings below for complete detail of remote provision per year group/ key stage.

Exam Groups: Years 11 and 13

These year groups will receive all of their lessons 'live' via Google Meet from the **5th - 8th January**. They will follow their normal timetable hours. Please [click here](#) for any parental or student guidance on using Google Meet to access live lessons. Please note that no intervention lessons will be taking place for either year 11 or year 13 this week.

They are due to be back in school from the **11th January** for face to face teaching. **(Please note that the return date to school could be subject to change - we will keep you updated.)**

Students should have taken a second COVID test prior to return as per letter from Public Health England, sent to all parents on the 11th December. This is to try to avoid an outbreak on their return to school. Click here for the letter and details [Letter PHE](#)
Schools are also being asked to set up mass testing sites which are currently under review.

Years 10 and 12:

These year groups will receive **all** of their lessons 'live' via Google Meet from the **5th - 16th January**. Please [click here](#) for any parental or student guidance on using Google Meet to access live lessons.

For the purpose of clarity: The government has announced that nationally Years 10 and 12 will return to school on 18th January, however, it is really important to note that Roding Valley High School is in Epping Forest, one of the local areas identified as operating under the government's contingency framework. This is due to the current high levels of COVID infections. In the contingency framework schools, all students will have remote education except for exam years and vulnerable and critical worker children. The government has



said that this is constantly under review and we will keep you updated. Currently, these year groups will remain taught remotely from the 18th January.

Years 7- 9:

These year groups will be following our remote learning timetable from the 5th -16th January. This timetable is made up of a mixture of live lesson provision and our self-directed provision set via Google Classroom. Please [click here](#) to access the timetable/schedule for the live lessons being taught per subject and per year group. Please [click here](#) for any parental or student guidance on using Google Meet to access live lessons.

Please note that, where necessary, our staff will be using 'video recorded' teaching methods to post pre-recorded content to explain difficult material. This will also be a part of the self-directed provision all set via Google Classroom. If you, or your child, need help with Google Classroom, please [click here](#) or contact plarkin@rodingvalley.net

For the purpose of clarity: The government has announced that nationally that Years 7- 9 groups will return to school on 18th January, however, it is really important to note that Roding Valley High School is in Epping Forest, one of the local areas identified as operating under the government's contingency framework. This is due to the current high levels of COVID infections. In the contingency framework schools, all students will have remote education except for exam years and vulnerable and critical worker children. The government has said that this is constantly under review and we will keep you updated. Currently, these year groups will remain taught remotely from the 18th January.

Feedback:

In regards to feedback, our teachers will be giving feedback in line with our Teaching & Learning ACED framework. Verbal feedback will be given during our live lesson provision, alongside Google Form quizzes that collect responses, comment based feedback on Google Classroom and voice recorded feedback where necessary. We would like to stress that not every piece of work submitted via Google Classroom will be given written feedback and that feedback will be in line with our usual feedback protocols per subject.


We also recognise that keeping in touch with students outside of their subject studies is also vitally important. As parents, please expect to be contacted via phone or via email to allow our staff to 'check in' with the wellbeing of your son or daughter. We will also use this time to discuss engagement with work being set and any difficulties your child may be having.

Thank you again for your continued support of RVHS. We really appreciate the support you have shown RVHS during this challenging time. If you have any questions regarding our remote learning provision, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,



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Teaching and Learning



Sharon Jenner
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Helpful image from the Department of Education regarding school return:

Please note the final section of this table labelled with an asterisk.

| Department for Education | | | |
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| Return dates for primary and secondary schools and colleges in England | | | |
| Year group | w/c 4 Jan | w/c 11 Jan | w/c 18 Jan |
| Secondary / college exam years | Prioritise remote education, January exam students attend | Return to school | Continue at school |
| Primary - reception to Y6 | Return to school with some local exceptions* | Continue at school with some local exceptions* | Continue at school with some local exceptions* |
| Secondary / college | Some remote education | Remote education | Full return to school with some local exceptions* |
| Primary / secondary vulnerable and critical worker | Return to school | Continue at school | Continue at school |
| Special school | Return to school encouraged | Continue at school | Continue at school |
| Alternative provision | Return to school | Continue at school | Continue at school |

* In some local areas, under the contingency framework students will have remote education except for exam years and vulnerable and critical worker children. Special schools for primary years should continue to allow pupils to attend full time.