



BLACKMINSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

Following the Government's announcement late yesterday regarding the reopening of schools in January, I would like to share with you our plans. Please note that these may change, subject to further government announcements.

The school will reopen to Year 6 students only on January 4th as planned. We will be closed to students in Years 7 and 8 unless they are classed as "vulnerable" or the children of key workers. The definition of these terms can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>. If you believe your child falls under the above definition and would like to send them to school please send an email to lmcquone@blackminster.worcs.sch.uk specifying if they are "vulnerable" or the children of key workers and explaining how they meet the criteria. Could you please provide their name, form group and specify which days they would attend between Monday January 4th and Friday January 8th.

All other children in Year 7 and 8 should remain at home and complete the remote learning work set by teachers. This will be available on the school's Show My Homework platform, and will be indicated by a pink box. Work will be set daily, and will mirror the content that would normally be taught in school. It is therefore very important that your child completes the work set, and submits it to their teachers as requested.

Children in Year 7 and 8 who are in receipt of free school meals will receive vouchers for the week of January 4th - 8th.

At present it seems that the government are expecting us to reopen to Year 7 and 8 students on January 11th, but this may change at short notice. I will keep parents informed as soon and as thoroughly as I can.

I wish you a happy, safe and healthy Christmas, and look forward to seeing students as soon as we can in the New Year.

Kind regards,

Linda McQuone
Acting Headteacher

