



5 January 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

### **Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update – January Reopening**

Since December there has been a great deal of information and media coverage regarding the reopening of schools in January. The announcement last night by the Prime Minister has once again resulted in an adjustment to our plans.

We are continually monitoring all advice and guidance and will keep the COVID 19 section of our website updated regularly as well as notifying you of any major changes. In addition, the instructions for how students will access the scheduled live remote lessons are also available on our website and are attached to end of this letter. The link for the COVID -19 section of our website is <http://bhsweb.co.uk/covid-19>.

### **Reopening of School**

Date	Students in School	Remote Learning
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January – Staff INSET	n/a	n/a <i>Year 11 mock result consultations with Senior Teachers will still take place.</i>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January & Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January  <b><u>B Week</u></b>	<p>Critical worker students and students identified as vulnerable in <b>Years 7 to 10</b> may attend school.</p> <p>These students will be kept in year group bubbles and will be accessing live online lessons in school as students are from home. Students will be supervised in the computer suites. They will not receive additional teaching. Students may wish to bring in their own headphones if they prefer to use them.</p> <p>All students attending must be in full school uniform and there will be no PE during this week.</p> <p>Students who have public exams will take these exams as planned.</p>	All year groups Y7-Y11 will be accessing remote learning from home. *

	However, Friday 8:30am Travel and Tourism examination. All students in Year 11 taking this examination must be present.	
w/b Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January  <b><u>A Week</u></b>	<p>Critical worker students and students identified as vulnerable in <b>Years 7 to 11</b> may attend school. I</p> <p>These students will be in year group bubbles as the previous week and will be accessing live online lessons in school as students are from home. Students will be supervised in the computer suites. They will not receive additional teaching.</p> <p>Students may wish to bring in their own headphones if they prefer to use them. There be no PE for these students, and they must come in full uniform.</p> <p>Students who have public exams will take them as planned. <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Sports Science Year 11 at 8:30am.</b></p>	Remote learning for all year groups*
Provisionally w/b Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	All students return to School	Remote learning only for those who are not in school due to COVID-19 related absence. Please note this will not be live online lessons.

\*Any IT issues surrounding accessing the remote learning please email [itsupport@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:itsupport@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk)

### **Critical worker and vulnerable students – important information.**

**Critical workers are now defined as:**

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response including those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors.

**Vulnerable students are now defined as:**

- They have a child protection plan.
- They have an education, health and care plan (EHCP).
- They need other specialist support – in which case the school, your local authority or your social worker will contact you directly.

Given our limited number of IT suites in school and the fact we must keep students in their separate year group bubbles and ensure numbers are manageable, I am asking if you are able to continue to accommodate your son/daughter at home then please to do so. Only send students in if it is absolutely essential for example if both parents are critical workers, or you are unable to arrange alternative childcare. Students accessing the work from home will not be disadvantaged as there will be no additional teaching taking place in school.

Heads of Year have contacted a number of parents/cares of vulnerable students before the Christmas break to confirm their place. If you have not received any communication from the school and you believe your son/daughter is entitled to a place, then please email your child's Head of Year by 3pm on the 6th January.

Year 7 – Mrs Ahmed	<a href="mailto:sahmed@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk">sahmed@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk</a>
Year 8 – Mrs Conduit	<a href="mailto:aconduit@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk">aconduit@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk</a>
Year 9 – Mrs Stevens	<a href="mailto:sstevens@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk">sstevens@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk</a>
Year 10 – Mr Flynn	<a href="mailto:jflynn@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk">jflynn@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk</a>
Year 11 – Miss Magee	<a href="mailto:smagee@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk">smagee@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk</a>

### **Critical worker and vulnerable students – locations.**

Students must go through their year group entrance and then make their way to the room indicated below (not their normal registration room). This is the room they will be based in all week.

- Year 7 – LRC (Library)
- Year 8 – IT5
- Year 9 – IT6
- Year 10 – IT2
- (Year 11 – IT3 from w/b 11<sup>th</sup> January)

### **Remaining at home/home learning.**

Students in all years who are not attending should remain at home, following UK Government guidelines for their tier. Remote learning will be in place following their timetable. Please note that some period 1 sessions may start at 9.15am due to childcare commitments of teaching staff. This will be made clear in the MS Teams invite your son/daughter will receive. Any questions you may have in regard to the online learning provision please email Mr P Wraith at [pwraith@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:pwraith@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk). If your son/daughter will have difficulty accessing the remote materials, please contact the relevant HOY who can discuss the next steps.

## **Core Time**

Once a fortnight starting from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January Core Tutors will be arranging virtual Core Time for their tutees. This will allow tutors to check in with students focusing on wellbeing and any other concerns. The details and times will come through on the relevant MS Teams invites.

## **Year 9 examinations w/b 18<sup>th</sup> January.**

These have now been cancelled and will be rescheduled for later in the year.

## **School meals.**

We expect our canteen to be open for the critical worker and vulnerable students in from the 7<sup>th</sup> January. For those that access Free School Meals, we will plan for the voucher system as before.

## **COVID-19 safety.**

We are maintaining our year group bubbles at all times. In addition, all COVID-19 safety rules apply and the same rules on mask wearing remain.

No student is allowed in school if they are showing symptoms of COVID-19, have tested positive or live in a support bubble with another person who has tested positive or is symptomatic. No student is allowed in school if they have been advised to isolate via track and trace.

## **Testing.**

Lateral flow testing kits will arrive in school during the week. The logistics of the expectations on schools are complex. The suggested benefit of testing in schools as outlined by the DFE is that any student identified as a 'close contact' of a positive student/staff member can remain in school and will not have to self-isolate if they return a negative test each day. We will plan for this scenario focusing on students and staff who continue to attend school.

## **Transport.**

There have been some alterations to the bus services, so please refer to our website for further details. However, in the event of a positive test/student displaying symptoms, students will be isolated on the school site and must be collected as soon as possible by an adult. The student will not be allowed to use school transport services, etc in the event that they are symptomatic/positive.

### **Further questions.**

If you have any questions, please email them to my email address.

[headteacher@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk)

I appreciate that these are very difficult times, but I am confident that together we can get through them and come out an even stronger school community.

Yours sincerely,



**Paul Williams**  
**Headteacher**

## **Bramhall High School Blended and Remote Learning – Reminder for the 7<sup>th</sup> January onwards**

Remote learning at BHS operates through MS Teams. This can be accessed from our website and does not require you to purchase any additional software. Please click on the student tab and select the MS Teams tile. All of your son/daughters sessions for the day will already be visible on the calendar section of MS Teams. If one is missing, this will either be due to staff illness and cover work will be provided on Show My Homework (SMH) or the fact that it was a non GCSE PE lesson.

### **Key points:**

- Staff and students will follow their normal timetable.
- Students attend a remote learning 'MS Teams' session (up to half an hour) for each of their five lessons. The other portion of lesson time then allows students to work independently on the related tasks.
- Individual teachers will set work for their classes via Show My Homework. Students will then submit this to their class teacher via email. Staff will indicate whether the work has been submitted or not on the SMH portal.
- Staff will take a register for online sessions, just as they would in class. If for some reason, your son/daughter cannot attend the session at the normal lesson time, a Microsoft Stream video is automatically created of the lesson, which they can watch back later. If you know it will be logistically impossible for your son/daughter to access the Microsoft Teams lessons, we would ask you to liaise with your son/daughter's Head of Year in the first instance.

- Where a concern exists with either remote learning attendance or with a lack of submitted work staff will contact you to keep you informed.

For further support with accessing and using these systems, please see the 'Parent Help Sheets' on the Covid section of the Bramhall High School webpage. Links below:

[Using Microsoft Teams](#)

[Using remote IT systems](#)

[IT Acceptable use policy](#)

A student instruction video (please note you will need to login using your son/daughter's BHS info) on joining, a MS Teams' session can also be viewed by following the link below:

[Accessing MS Teams](#)

### **What happens if a member of staff is absent?**

If a member of staff is absent, they will be unable to set up the MS Teams live session and cover work will be provided via Show My Homework.