



COVID-19 Update 18 December 2020

You will have seen the latest announcement by the Government concerning plans for COVID-19 testing in the new year, and a staggered start for secondary schools and colleges in January 2021. A further announcement from the School's Minister, Nick Gibb, is expected next week, so our information is somewhat patchy at this point. Nonetheless, we felt it important to communicate what we do currently know. Our top priority continues to be maintaining an environment that keeps our students and staff as safe as possible.

Staggered start dates

Students in exam year groups (**Fifth Year and Upper Sixth**) and all students in the Prep should return at the start of term: after 6pm for boarders on 4 January and Sarums (day students) on Tuesday 5 January.

All other year groups will have full-time remote education from Tuesday 5 January, with normal face-to-face education resuming for all on Monday 11 January (boarders may return after 6pm on 10 January).

We ask that our International students in **non-exam** year groups remain with guardians until 6pm on 10 January but, if this is not possible, please contact Mrs Price (pricej@godolphin.org).

Critical workers

Children of critical workers may attend school from 5 January if they cannot look after themselves or be cared for safely at home. If there are students in the Senior School who need to be in School, please contact Mr Dain (dainr@godolphin.org).

Testing

Guidance will shortly be provided to schools on how rapid COVID-19 testing will work. We do not yet have sufficient information to provide you with a concrete plan for how this will operate in practice but our aim is to communicate again with further details prior to the start of term.

Continuance of safety measures

Next term the whole school community must still follow all relevant guidance including enhanced hygiene measures, social distancing and wearing face coverings around the site in the Senior section of the School.

All of the above is subject to change as the situation is continually evolving. We expect to receive more detailed information over the coming days and we will be in touch again in the New Year.

