

January 2021

Dear Parents / Guardians

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself officially as Headteacher at Selwood Academy. Although I have to admit this is not how I planned my first few days in post to go. I am very excited to take up the post and to get to work alongside the children, parents and staff of our fantastic community. I plan for us to work together to create an environment in which we “let your light shine before others”, for all members of the community through an excellent curriculum and teaching in a disruption free environment. I would also like to take this opportunity to apologise for the delay in communication. Unfortunately, the unhelpful timing of the latest government announcement alongside me not taking up post until the start of term did not facilitate the usual level of effective communication I would expect to provide.

As you have been informed in previous correspondence, in line with government guidance we will be undertaking face to face teaching for Year 5 and 6 as usual from Wednesday 6 January. However, for Years 7 and 8, they will be in receipt of remote learning, unless their parents are Key workers or they are classified as vulnerable. All other Year 7 and 8 students will return to face to face provision on Monday 18 January. The precise details for this will be provided under separate cover.

Can I please ask that all parents of children who are vulnerable or highlighted as key workers please complete the survey below as soon as possible and no later than 12 midday on Tuesday 5 January to support planning for potential return to school on Wednesday.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/yr78KWandVchildren>

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that following the government’s decision before Christmas to entitle school to an additional TD day in January to prepare for mass testing. We will therefore be moving the previously planned TD day to Friday 23 July 2021.

As you are aware guidance or circumstances can change at very short notice and I can ensure you that I do not hear any announcements until they are announced publicly therefore if there is necessity to update plans I will do my utmost to keep everybody fully informed at the earliest opportunity.

I would also like to take this opportunity to confirm that I take my responsibility for the safety and wellbeing for students and staff incredibly seriously and will work relentlessly to support the Selwood community. I would also like to thank you in advance for your support and very much look forward to meeting you in person at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards,



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‘Let your light shine before others’ Matthew 5 v 16
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