

6th January 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all can I thank you for your level of communication today with the Elms Bank staff. This has allowed us to assess the safety of school and make arrangements to balance health and safety whilst also offering face to face, home pack or online provision.

Due to staffing levels being unsafe across school and college at the beginning and the end of the day – we have had to alter the start times. We understand this may be difficult for some of you, but for us to be able to have optimum staffing when children arrive this has to be in place to ensure everyone is safe. Therefore, our start and finish times during this half term will be: 9.30am – 2-45pm. Transport are aware of this, so please note there will be a later pick up and earlier drop off time up to February half term. For parents dropping children off, please continue to use the entrances and exits at school previously used.

TNS, our catering company, are working in school. TNS will be providing lunches so packed lunches will not be necessary. For all the children on free school meals, TNS will be dropping off food parcels each day – there will no longer be free school meal vouchers provided.

All pathways across school and college are following a themed curriculum approach. Your form tutor will be your main contact, however, in KS3 and KS4 Inspire and Explore, other teachers maybe delivering the learning content. This again, is to ensure that students are split across classrooms to ensure we have lower numbers in each room in addition to providing an online learning offer.

If you are accessing online learning your teams sessions will be as follows:

9.30am – 10am Form time and welcome

11am-12pm – lesson 1

1pm-2pm – lesson 2

This will also be supplemented with home learning packs. If you have requested a laptop we will be delivering these over the course of the rest of the week.

Again, thank you for all of your support in this difficult time and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind Regards,

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