



Chew Valley School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As I promised in my letter at the end of last week, I would like to give you some more details regarding the next few weeks, bearing in mind the alterations which we have needed to make as a school.

Online Learning

As you already know, we will be using Microsoft Teams to deliver our lessons for the next few weeks. Between Tuesday 5th and Friday 8th January, Period 1 will start for students at 9.10am and then the day will follow its normal timings.

Period 1	09.10 to 10.10
Period 2	10.10 to 11.10
Period 3	11.30 to 12.30
Period 4	12.30 to 13.30
Period 5	14.00 to 15.00

For the week beginning Monday 11th January, registration will also take place on Monday (from 8.40am to 9.10am) and, on this day only, school will start at 8.40am. Once students are back in school (Years 11 and 13 from next week) we will revert to starting at 8.40am where lessons are taught. We have made staff aware that students will be accessing live lessons via a variety of ways including their mobile phones and have asked for the content to be covered to be suitable for this. Registers will be taken every lesson and we will be contacting students whose attendance has been an issue towards the end of the week. If students are not well, therefore, please do follow the normal absence procedure route so our records can be as accurate as possible.

Years 7 to 9 will have lessons at the normal times for the next two weeks in the following subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- French / Spanish

If our return is later than is currently planned, we will review this.

Years 10 and 11 will have all of their lessons at the normal times apart from Core PE and PSHRE on Microsoft Teams whilst they are away.

Years 12 and 13 will have their main qualification subjects on Microsoft Teams.

If there are any questions whatsoever then please do contact the subject teacher concerned. We have spent time talking this through with staff and have an INSET day today for them to make further arrangements. As would be the case in a classroom, the staff will have some input during the lesson which could be at the beginning and at other stages but will be asking students to carry out work on their own rather than being lectured to for a whole lesson. It might be that teachers set work once they have put in some input using a variety of learning websites. Most importantly staff will be there to pick up questions at set times for students.

Students in School linked to Key Workers and Vulnerable Groups

Families have been contacting Miss Kenyon and her team throughout the holidays and arrangements are in place with our pastoral team taking the lead in this area. Food will not be able to be purchased on site; therefore all students will require a packed lunch (those entitled to free school meals will be receiving a voucher for use at a variety of shops whether they are in school or not). School uniform should be worn with PE kit instead on the days when they have a lesson in that subject. We have been told that the main buses are running but if you are part of a more localised arrangement then this would be worth checking yourselves. Students in school should be with us from **8.40am to 3pm** every day.

In-School Asymptomatic Covid Testing

We have now received further information regarding in-school testing and have been working closely with the other secondary schools in the Lighthouse Schools Partnership around this provision. We will do all that we reasonably can to get our testing regime up and running as soon as possible and are working towards potentially testing Year 11 and Year 13 when they are in from Monday 11th January; however this will require much to be completed.

In order to be ready to start this, we will require the consent of parents/carers for any students in Year 7 to Year 11. Those in the Sixth Form are technically able to give their own consent, however in all cases we will confirm with the wishes of the parents/carers so can we ask Sixth Form parents/carers to complete this as well.

You can read more about how the government expects this programme to work:

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2020/12/15/mass-testing-in-schools-your-questions-answered/>

A leaflet outlining the testing process is available here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/946612/How_to_do_your_test_COVID_19_instruction_leaflet_for_schools.pdf

I would ask that you familiarise yourself with the above information and once you have done this and you are happy to give consent then could you do so using the electronic form below;

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qpmW0ReG40mv30Ta8jBWERsq3cPrdIGjq30gCz4vzIUOUIWTDIVTzI0VUxZMFZSNTI0WTgyTjBSTy4u>

Please email Mrs Deborah Elsom should you have difficulty filling in this form at delsom@chewvalleyschool.co.uk.

Whilst, from a school perspective, we believe that this testing programme is the best way to protect our whole community and to reduce further impact on the education of students, it is important to stress that the decision to consent to testing (on return to school, and daily for seven days in the case of being established as a close contact) is for parents, carers and students. Students will still be able to return to school alongside their peers if consent for testing is not given. Should these students be identified as a contact of a positive case they will be asked to self-isolate for ten days as per the self-isolation guidance.

Thank you for your patience whilst we set up our testing procedures. In the meantime, we will also be reviewing our risk assessment in time for the return of students, and we will continue to implement the safety measures we have been using in the autumn term.

Offers to Assist with Asymptomatic Testing

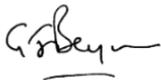
A number of parents and carers have kindly been in touch to offer their support to help the school run our asymptomatic testing procedures. The Lighthouse Schools Partnership team are co-ordinating the recruitment for these roles.

To apply, please go to: https://www.indeedjobs.com/lighthouse-schools-partnership-4da4ead/_hl/en_GB?cpref=JXWAtnzf3XWjLOi4YeVNLqF8RN6a-Vzu3tqz_c9I3KE.

Please download the application form (if hyperlink is not working, please copy and paste the web address into your browser) and attach it to the online application through the 'Indeed Jobs' portal. If you have any queries regarding the application process, please email hr@lsp.org.uk. You will note the short timescale for initial applications (by Wednesday 6th January) to enable us to progress with making these appointments as soon as possible. Please do share this information with others in the community who may be willing to contribute.

I am aware that there is much here to digest. Things are changing almost daily at the moment and I will endeavour as ever to keep you fully informed.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Beynon', with a horizontal line underneath.

Gareth Beynon
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