



January 7th 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

The situation has changed

Since my letter I sent to you on 31.12.20 with the timetable of school opening, the situation has changed quite considerably. Infact many times! It is now quite clear that we cannot have the whole school returning by 18.01.21 as originally planned, and instead will have to operate a partial opening system as we did in the summer term. This is because of the speed of infection from the new variant of the virus and that our school building cannot cater for 70 students, plus 40 staff, totalling 110 and provide a virus safe environment.

We have trained in Covid testing and conducted 52 tests so far. 100% negative results. We will test all staff and students weekly. So, the new timetable starting 11.01.21 will be the following:

Year 11 students: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (Wednesday is online learning at home)
Year 10 students: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (Friday is online learning at home)
Key worker students: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

These 3 groups of students already know when they are in school. In addition, a 4th group will be added week beginning 18.01.21

Selected KS3 Vulnerable: Wednesday and Fridays

KS3 Form tutors will contact you if your son/daughter is in this group.

This will mean we will have 35 students in the school building.

The rest of the school population unfortunately will remain at home working online on GOOGLE CLASSROOM.

Laptops and Chrome books at home

Today we delivered 20 Chrome books for KS3 students to log onto GOOGLE CLASSROOM. This now means that every student at Batchwood School has their own device to complete school work at home either via a school laptop, school Chrome Book or own personal device. If anyone else needs a device, please contact me asap. We can address a few more shortages.

Conclusions

I really am very sorry about these changes. These are circumstances beyond everyone's control. Please contact me if you want to ask questions/make any comments.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Kemp