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Dear Europa Parents,

I am writing to you again to confirm return dates to school in January, following yesterday's announcement from the UK government about further delays to the reopening of UK schools after the Christmas holiday. This change impacts secondary cohorts and is due to the worsening COVID pandemic. In summary:

- The whole school will hold a staff training day on Monday 4 January to review our COVID measures, plan remote learning provision and start to set up a facility for mass COVID testing in the secondary school.
- From Tuesday 5 January, the school will be open for all primary students and a small cohort of secondary students (children of critical workers and students needing support). The rest of the secondary students will receive remote provision at home. During this week, the school will be working to set up a COVID testing facility for secondary staff and students. It is hoped that secondary students will be tested as early as possible on their return to school. We will be sending out information about this programme in the next week.
- From Monday 11 January, the secondary school will open for examination groups – S5, S6 and S7.
- From Monday 18 January, the secondary school will open for all secondary year groups.

### **Change of start of school time for primary years 1 & 2**

From 5 January, the start of the day times for year 1 and year 2 will revert to 8:25 am. This will help parents dropping off siblings in the primary school. There is no change for the reception classes.

No primary child should be on site before 8:15am unless escorted but a secondary child or they come on the school bus.

### **Children of critical workers in Secondary**

The lists of jobs which are considered to be critical for the coronavirus (COVID-19) response are given in the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#critical-workers>.

If you are critical workers and require your children to use the in-school provision, please complete the google form using the following link: <https://forms.gle/CEyngJbscC6Yaj3z8>.

This link has already been sent to S1-S4 parents. Please complete the form for each of your children in S1-S7 if applicable by the 2 January.

## **Catering**

The school is undergoing a heating replacement programme and the canteen facilities are limited; temporary eating spaces have been created in the Drama Studio and Chapel. The school will provide a universal school meal service (packed lunches) for reception classes and primary years 1 & 2 as well as a free school meal service to eligible students in older year groups. Otherwise, parents are reminded that they will need to provide their children with a packed lunch including a drink.

## **After School Activities**

The after school activity programme for secondary students will be cancelled until the week commencing 18 January.

The activity coordinator will be contacting primary parents concerning the activity programme for primary students in the coming days after we have reviewed the risk assessments.

## **Buses**

All the school bus services (BLOC and CBC) are planning to run as normal from 5 January. My thanks to the bus coordinators for their work on behalf of the school.

## **Distance Learning Provision in Secondary**

All S1-S7 students will be following a distance learning timetable from Tuesday 5 January. All students are expected to participate, and teachers will be registering attendance which will be monitored by class teachers and the secondary management. Any absences due to illness must be reported to the school using the email [absence@europaschool.uk](mailto:absence@europaschool.uk).

The distance learning timetables can be accessed by students in the shared google drives “S1-S3 Shared Drive”, “S3-S5 Shared Drive” “S6 2020-21” and “S7 2020-21”

The school has provided one distance learning slot for every two lessons taught in a course. Before this period, subject teachers will have posted set work via google classroom and/or set up a video conference invite to a virtual lesson to cover two periods of study as well as opportunities for homework assignments. An example timetable is given below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> 8:15 9:00			Music OGT 154		
<b>2</b> 9:05 9:50		Phy DOF 101		Music OGT 154	fraL2 DUB 118
<b>3</b> 10:10 10:55	ItaL3 BOE 125	chem KEN 41	Mat RUA 103		
<b>4</b> 11:00 11:45	bio COE 40	hisfr PHS 331	EngL1 BUR 115	Mor POC 117	Mat RUA 103
<b>5</b> 11:50 12:35	ItaL3 BOE 125			geofr PHS 3313	
<b>6</b> 12:35 13:20			fraL2 LOM 121	EngL1 BUR 103	
<b>7</b> 13:20 14:05	fraL2 DUB 118	PE STM Olday			
<b>8</b> 14:10 14:55					
<b>9</b> 15:00 15:45					

We will also be organising some virtual assemblies for year groups to inform students about returning to school including the expectation for use of face masks and COVID testing.

### Face masks

Please be aware that secondary students are required to use face coverings whilst moving between lessons and in communal settings. From January 5, secondary students are strongly encouraged to use face coverings during lessons and study time. They are required to bring into school at least two clean face coverings for their daily use as well as a clear zipped bag for storage of face coverings.

Primary students are not required to wear facial coverings whilst in school, however, older Primary students in years 5 & 6 will be encouraged to use face coverings in lessons, where the effectiveness of the teaching is not compromised.

An updated face mask policy is uploaded onto the schools' website.

I wish you all a very happy new year and look forward to less difficult times in 2021.

Please keep safe.

Regards

Lynn C Wood  
Principal