

18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Yesterday afternoon, the Government updated its guidance regarding the start of term in January and has advised that secondary schools in England should **not fully re-open for face-to-face learning** following the Christmas holidays until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. As a middle school we are legally designated a secondary school and expect this announcement to apply to Year 7 and 8 pupils at Ipsley.

**All pupils will return to a full programme of learning on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.** This will be face-to-face for pupils in Years 5 and 6, and online learning for pupils in Years 7 and 8.

The school will still be open from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, as scheduled, for all pupils in Years 5 and 6, Year 7 and 8 students classed as vulnerable, and for Year 7 and 8 children of key workers. If you require an in-school place for your child because you are a key worker, please complete the online form that will be sent out after Christmas.

**All other Year 7 and 8 students will receive their learning remotely for the first week of term** (i.e. from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January) and they will be expected to engage fully with this. More details about the remote learning will be provided by the end of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January; information will be shared via our usual methods, including ePraise and the school website. Thank you for your support in this.

We appreciate that this change is short notice and may inconvenience you, but it is essential that we closely follow all Government guidance on COVID-19 in order to safeguard our students, staff and wider school community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing your child in the new year.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Saul  
Head of School