



4 January 2021

## Information about BBEC reopening in January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break and have all managed to stay safe and well. A Happy New Year to you all!

As you know from our text on 31 December, the government has announced a delay to the start of term. I hope that this letter gives you the information you need about the next two weeks, I apologise that it is so long. We will be in touch regularly if things change or as we have more information.

The next few weeks will present us all with challenges, but I really appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through these together.

### Week starting Tuesday 5 January 2021.

1. We have been instructed **only** to open BBEC to the following students:

- Vulnerable children
- Children of critical workers,

*(The definition of vulnerable children and critical workers can be found [here](#).)*

If your child fits in either of the categories above, school will be open as normal at 8.15am on Tuesday 5 January. **Students should use their normal year bubble entrances, arrive by 8.30am, come equipped for lessons and should wear full school uniform.**

Students must wear a **face mask**.

Free school meals will be provided for those who are eligible and other students will be able to pay for their lunch using ParentPay in the same way as normal.

**Thank you to parents/carers who have already booked their child in for school from Tuesday 5 January. If you haven't already done this, please follow this link in order to do so today <https://www.buttershaw.net/keyworkers/>**

## 2. External BTEC examinations Year 10 and 11

Year 10 and 11 students should **not** attend during the week commencing 5 January **unless** they have external examinations. Revision sessions and these examinations will run as normal.

**Year 11 Music BTEC:** Revision session on **Wednesday 6 January** – parents/carers will be contacted about start and finish times for these revision sessions.

The Music BTEC exam is on **Thursday 7 January** – students **must** arrive at school by **9am** at the latest and the exam will be finished at **10.15am**.

**Year 10 Travel and Tourism BTEC:** Revision session on **Thursday 7 January** between **9.15-11.30am**. The Travel and Tourism exam is on **Friday 8 January** – students **must** arrive at school at the latest by **8.30am** and the exam will finish at **10am**.

Students will be dismissed from the school site following the end of their revision sessions and exams to return home.

**For all revision sessions and exams students should use their normal year bubble entrances, come equipped for their revision lesson/exam and should wear full school uniform.**

Students must wear a **face mask**.

**3. All other students should stay at home.** Students should access remote learning and should follow their normal timetable each day. Teachers will set work via Teams for all subjects, and will use school email to contact students.

**Students must log in to Teams and their school email every day.**

Students have all accessed Teams during lessons in school; support for Teams for students and parents can be accessed via the [school website](#). A direct link to Teams can be found [here](#) and also on the school website.

The username for all students is their personal school number eg [001234@buttershaw.net](mailto:001234@buttershaw.net). Please contact [helpdesk@buttershaw.net](mailto:helpdesk@buttershaw.net) if your child has forgotten their username or password.

For any other enquiries about remote learning contact us at [remotelearning@buttershaw.net](mailto:remotelearning@buttershaw.net)

## Week starting Monday 11 January 2021

We have been asked by the government **only to** open school and provide on-site education to vulnerable children, children of critical workers and those in exam years, and provide remote education to all other students. This means we hope to open fully to all **year 11** students during this week. **All other students should stay at home and school will continue to support them through remote learning.**



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## Week starting Monday 18 January 2021

We hope to open fully to all students by Monday 18 January 2021.

### Free School Meals

Whilst students who are eligible for free school meals are at home, a weekly free school meal parcel will be delivered. We have about 500 free school meal parcels to deliver and will endeavour to get to you as soon as possible. It is likely that deliveries will take place over the course of each week, we ask for your understanding with this.

### Testing


All secondary schools have been asked by the government to contribute to the national effort by introducing testing of staff and students. Over the next two weeks we have been asked to look at the feasibility and practicality of setting up mass testing for COVID-19 in school for staff and students. The logistics of setting this up safely, getting access to the tests and training staff will take us some time. If we do decide to move to regular and systematic mass testing I will write to you with further information before we start and, of course, will gather your consent before your child takes part.

I will keep you updated as we move through the next two weeks and will let you know if there are any changes to the plans above. Thank you again for your understanding and patience.

Please contact us on [admin@buttershaw.net](mailto:admin@buttershaw.net) if you have any queries.

All my very best wishes for a safe and healthy 2021.

Yours sincerely



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