

IMPORTANT – NEW UPDATE TO SCHOOL REOPENING FOR ALL CHILDREN

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware of the significant and late announcements made yesterday evening, and that Southend-on-Sea is one of the geographical exceptions that falls under the contingency framework: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/948580/Contingency_framework_implementation_guidance.pdf

Unfortunately we suspect things will continue to be fast moving, fluid and subject to change. We have just received this communication from the Local Authority which outlines intended school reopening to all, which extends the first week to two weeks of home learning except for children who are identified as critical worker or vulnerable children.

Return to onsite schooling

From our understanding now:

Week Commencing 4th January 2021

Special schools and alternative provision are expected to provide onsite education for all pupils. In addition, all schools are expected to make provision for vulnerable and critical worker children onsite where required. Schools should make provision for home learning for the remainder.

Week Commencing 11th January 2021

In addition to the above, students in the examination years 11 and 13 will return for onsite education, all others home learning.

Week Commencing 18th January 2021

The DfE have set the first two weeks as a review period, as it stands all pupils will return to onsite education on Monday 18th January 2021, **unless circumstances change.**

Free School Meals

It is our expectation that provision for eligible FSM will continue for the period 4th-18th January. However the funding for has yet to be identified, we will inform you as soon as we know.

Arrangements for All year Groups

Arrangements for all year groups will be posted on our website under the Self Isolation Resources tab on the Home Page. Please see: www.hamstelinfants.co.uk

Please make sure you keep us informed of any changes to your circumstances at home and for any outcomes of testing via our office email: office@hamstel-inf.southend.sch.uk

With many thanks for your continuing support and kind words. Please keep yourselves and your families safe and well during these difficult times.

If anything changes we will let you know as soon as we can.

Kind regards,

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