

# The De Montfort School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the initial announcement this afternoon from the Department for Education (DfE) regarding the staggered start for secondary school students to the new term starting on Tuesday 5 January 2021, I wish to outline our initial response. Please be advised that this is subject to further amendments as we await final confirmation and official guidance from the DfE, but we felt it important to share with you our initial thoughts and plans.

From Tuesday 5 January we will be open to Years 6, 11 and 13, critical worker children and vulnerable students only. The definition of critical worker children and vulnerable students can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>. We will write again in due course regarding critical worker and vulnerable student places.

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will not start back on Tuesday 5 January and will instead follow the remote learning lessons that will be made available to them through Google Classroom. These lessons will be made available from Tuesday 5 January and as much as possible, will follow the current timetable lessons.

BTEC external examinations scheduled for Years 12 and 13 on 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 will proceed as planned and we will provide more information regarding these examinations in due course. The Year 13 internal assessments scheduled from Tuesday 5 January will also go ahead as planned.

Yours sincerely

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