

Dear Parent/ Carer

Following on from the announcement from the government in response to the rapid rise in infections due to COVID19, we have put in plans to support a mixture of face-to-face teaching onsite at The Peak Academy alongside live online learning at home. This has been done to support the continuation of high-quality education for your son/ daughter whilst considering the safety of all pupils and staff under the current circumstances.

### Why has the plan changed?

We are following the instruction of government and the arrangements apply to all secondary schools in England. Our plans aim to reduce the volume of pupils onsite and therefore, create a tighter COVID secure environment to protect staff and pupils.

Pupils have been placed into two groups, Key Stage 4/ nurture and Key Stage 3.

Key stage 4/ nurture groups include;

- Everest
- Serenity
- Arnside
- Donard
- Skiddaw

Key stage 3 groups include;

- Baystones
- Scafell
- Snowdon
- Nevis
- Helvellyn

From Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January the plan is as follows:

Pupils will follow a day rotation of 5 days learning in school followed by 5 days learning at home. **This will then repeat.**

Dates	Groups	Location
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Key stage 3	Learning at home
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Key stage 4/ nurture	Learning in school

Dates	Groups	Location
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Key stage 3	Learning in school
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Key stage 4/ nurture	Learning at home

Should you decide to keep your son/ daughter at home, that will be your decision. We will support pupils at home with live online learning.

**System of control**

Given the increase in infection rates, and the change of status for Gloucestershire, Swindon and The Cotswolds to Tier 4, we will be reviewing our internal controls. Students will still be required to wear a face covering on school transport and in communal areas, including greater frequency of washing hands and working areas. I will write again if there are any additional measures we need to implement. It is imperative that we all reinforce the importance of following rules and staff instructions. We simply cannot allow pupils to place other people's health at risk. Therefore, we will have tighter control measures regarding behaviour expectations.

**Positive test results**

Please contact the school to report if your child has tested positive at any time before they return to school. We must continue to track cases and have an accurate record of those who have had Covid-19. Furthermore, do not send your son/ daughter into school if they are showing any symptoms.

Lastly, your child's welfare Your child's welfare continues to be our highest priority during face to face support and when studying at home. All our staff are working as normal and are available for advice and support. Please let us know if there is anything which we should be aware of or can help with. The weeks ahead are going to be difficult for all of us, but better days are coming.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Many thanks for your support

Andy Vinton  
Vice Principal