

Dear parents and guardians

You may have heard in the news that schools will be having a staggered start to term to allow us to set up a facility to administer lateral flow testing for all staff and students on site.

This letter sets out the plans for the start of term for different year groups. If you have any questions about this then please email office@uaesouthbank.org.uk

Monday 4th January

This is an INSET day for staff. The school will not be open to students and no online lessons will be set this day.

Year 11 and Year 13 students.

Live online lessons will run for students in year 11 and year 13 from 8.30am on Tuesday 5th January. These lessons will be delivered through the Google Meet links that they will find in their Google Classroom. Students should follow their normal timetable and attend all of the online lessons. Year 11 and year 13 students will be asked to attend school for their lateral flow test at a set time on Friday 8th January. They will not stay in school for lessons on this day.

Year 11 and year 13 students will return to school full time from 8.15 on Monday 11th January. They will need to bring a face covering and a water bottle.

Year 7, year 8, year 9, year 10 and year 12 students.

Live online lessons will run for these students from 8.30am on Thursday 7th January. These lessons will be delivered through the Google Meet links that they will find in their Google Classroom. Students should follow their normal timetable and attend all of the online lessons.

Year 7, year 8, year 9, Year 10 and year 12 students will return to school full time from 8.15 on Monday 18th January. They will need to bring a face covering and a water bottle.

Consent forms for the Covid 19 testing

You will be sent a consent form to complete for your child to take part in the testing programme along with details of what this involves. This will be sent in a separate email.

Timetables

Students will need to attend lessons according to their normal school timetables. We will be sending out individual copies of these timetables to them in a separate email. They should use these to make sure they attend every lesson through Google classroom at the right time.

Vulnerable students and children of key workers.

Children of key worker parents and vulnerable students are entitled to attend school in person from Tuesday 5th January. If you are a key worker or if your child has an Educational Health Care Plan and requires on site provision from Tuesday 5th January to Friday 15th January please fill in the form provided in this [link](#)

This form is for the 5 to the 9th January. You do not need to complete it again if you have done so already. We will send another form for the week beginning the 11th January.

Support with online learning at home.

If your child has difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example due to a lack of working space or a computer/chromebook) then please contact annette.moses@uaesouthbank.org.uk who will make the necessary arrangements to support your child.

If your child has trouble accessing their online learning then they should email itsupport@uaesouthbank.org.uk

Students that are eligible for free school meals.

If your child is eligible for free school meals then we will be issuing FSM vouchers to cover the days that they are continuing with online learning at home. If you have problems accessing your vouchers then please contact office@uaesouthbank.org.uk

Future changes to in school lessons.

As Southwark is currently in Tier 4 we may at some point be instructed by the Government to continue with online lessons for some year groups beyond the 18th January. If this is the case we will let you know as soon as this instruction is issued to us.

I and all the staff at UAE are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school online and in person as soon as we can.

Happy New Year

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Taylor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Taylor
Principal
University Academy of Engineering South Bank