Dear Parents and Carers

Following the announcement from the Government today, all secondary school students will now return to school a week later than originally planned.

All students will start their learning remotely [INSERT DETAILS] from INSERT DATE.

Students in exam years, Year 11 and 13, will then return to school on Monday 11th January 2021 at TIME.

Students in all other year groups will return to school on Monday 18th January 2021 at TIME. [INSERT DETAILS ABOUT REMOTE LEARNING, IF APPLICABLE]

Vulnerable children and children of key workers will be able to return to school on Monday 4th January 2021.

This decision has been made to help all schools prepare for the roll out of mass testing of staff and students using the new, quicker COVID-19 tests known as ‘lateral flow tests’. By testing we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our school open as safely as possible. The test is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to take it. [INSERT MORE, DIRECT TO WEB LINK OR ATTACH PREVIOUS LETTER ABOUT TESTS]

We will be testing all staff and as many students who wish to participate before they return to the classroom. [INSERT MORE DETAILS HERE, IF REQUIRED]

[INSERT DETAILS OF WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD EXPECT TO DO ON THEIR FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL]

This will be in addition to the stringent measures that we put in place to keep our school community as safe as possible last term. If your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms, please do not attend school and continue to follow the Government’s self-isolation guidelines. For more information, please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

We know this will cause disruption for many families, and we thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we adapt to the Government’s changes.

Kind regards,

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