



## **GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY**

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Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to write to you as soon as possible to inform you of my decision regarding the safe return of children in January. We have little idea as to what the extent of the spread of Covid will be in January and just how locally problematic the new Omicron variant will be by then. Consequently, in order that we can make definite, Covid-safe, plans for on-site testing, rather than ones which are less Covid-safe and therefore could well be subject to change, I have made the decision to opt for a staggered return to school in the new year. The return will therefore follow the programme set out below:

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	- Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	- Holiday in lieu of Queen's Platinum Anniversary Bank Holiday
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	- Years 11 and 7 Return – Testing until the end of P2*
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	- Years 11 & 7 Lessons as normal Years 10 & 8 Return – Testing until the end of P2*
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	- Years 7, 8, 10 & 11 Lessons as normal Year 9 – Testing until end of P1*

\* If you have not consented to testing, please only send children to school at the time indicated as the start of normal lessons.

I am regretful that the start to the new year will, again, be disjointed, but feel that our number one priority must be to keep our children and staff safe.

Very best wishes,

Alasdair Ashcroft  
Headteacher

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