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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the announcement yesterday from the Government about the changes to the start of term I am writing to you to update you on our plans for students in different year groups. I appreciate that changes put in place by the Government at short notice may create difficulties for you, but I hope that the information below provides you with the clarity you need at this stage.

Week beginning 4 January

We are continuing with our planned Training Day on 4 January, so there will be no online learning for students in any year groups on this day.

Online learning will be provided for all students from Tuesday 5 January, regardless of year group. Students should log on through their Google Classroom to access these lessons. The vast majority of these lessons will be delivered as live lessons, but where teachers are not available to deliver these lessons they will upload online learning activities to Google Classroom. Lessons will follow the normal timetable but live sessions will be at the following times

Lesson 1: 09.15 – 09.55

Lesson 2: 10.10 – 10.50

Lesson 3: 11.30 – 12.10

Lesson 4: 12.25 – 13.05

Lesson 5: 14.15 – 14.55

Students will be set additional online learning tasks to complete outside of these times as well.

Teaching staff have had very little notice about delivering these live online lessons so we may experience a few teething problems to start with, but we expect this to be working fully within the first few days. Videos are available on the school website to explain to students how they should access these lessons. These lessons can be accessed via any internet enabled device.

Students who are sitting external exams in Year 11 and Year 13 this week should continue to prepare for these exams. We will contact parents/carers of these students to confirm arrangements for these exams next week.

Week beginning 11 January

Year 11 and Year 13 students will return to school. Online learning will continue for students in all other year groups.

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Year 13 Mock exams will continue as planned during this week and the week beginning 18 January.

The Year 9 Option Evening information will be delayed so that we can speak to Year 9 students face to face as planned. Further information about this will be sent to parents/carers of Year 9 students next week.

Week beginning 18 January

All students will return to school and lessons will continue as normal.

Vulnerable and Key Worker Students

Thank you to parents/carers of students in Year 7 to 10 who have booked a place for their child in school from Tuesday 5 January. We are assuming that if you booked your child in for this provision that your child will also be in school during the week beginning 11 January. If this is not the case, please contact your child's Year Team to confirm this

Parents/carers of vulnerable and key worker students in Year 11 can book their child a place in school for Tuesday 5 January – Friday 8 January by completing the form found by following the link below. Please complete this form no later than 11:00 on Sunday 3 January.

<https://forms.gle/RBUnD1TJrKqPf7ha8>

All key worker and vulnerable students should arrive at school between 08:45 and 09:00 and should enter the building through the main entrance. Staff will be on duty to direct students each morning. These students will work in their year group bubbles and will complete on-line lessons whilst being supervised and supported by pastoral staff and teaching assistants.

These students will be dismissed from school at 15:00.

In-school COVID-19 testing

We are continuing to work closely with colleagues from City of York Council and Public Health England to ensure that testing procedures are put in place. We will provide further information next week once we have final plans completed.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and I will provide further information next week once we have finalised our plans further.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Dave Hewitt
Headteacher