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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have been aware of the announcements yesterday about the return to school in January 2021. We wrote just before Christmas detailing our position, talking about our expectations and plans. Whilst our expectations remain high, unfortunately there has been a change in the arrangements for students returning to school in the new year. This is as a result of the government plans for schools to prepare, train for and then deliver mass Covid-19 testing on site.

**Between now and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:**

Letter to be sent to parents asking for details of Critical Worker Provision requirements.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:**

School closed to all pupils due to staff training/INSET.

Pastoral Teams will start the process of contacting students/parents as required.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January:**

School open to children of critical workers, as per separate letter/invite.

Remote learning for year 11, following exam course timetables.

Students in year 7, 8, 9, 10 to be set remote learning tasks/activities in preparation for next week, where time and resources allow.

**Week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January:**

School open to children of critical workers, as per separate letter/invite.

Year 11 attend school for FACE-TO-FACE Learning (i.e., school as normal)

Students in year 7, 8, 9, 10 to follow their school timetable ONLINE for remote learning.

During these two weeks, plans will be put in place to start the mass testing of students and the routine testing of staff. There will be a lot more information to follow on this.

**ALL students are then scheduled to return to school for FACE-TO-FACE teaching on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.**

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year Group	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	WB. Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan		WB. Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Week B		Week B (continued)	Week A		Week B
School closed to all students.	Year 11	<b>Students at home.</b> Full Remote Learning, with students following their timetable for lessons.	<b>Students in school for face-to-face lessons.</b>	It is hoped that the mass testing of all students will take place during the week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan. This will be on a rota basis.	All students in school for face-to-face learning.
Pastoral calls/contact begins.	Year 7, 8, 9, 10	<b>Students at home.</b> Remote Learning: Activities provided online, with limited teacher feedback	Full Remote Learning, with students following their timetable for lessons.		Arrangements for this first full day back will be shared at a later date.
Confirmation of Critical Worker Places for the rest of the week.	<b>Children of Critical Workers (all years)</b>	School open for expected students 10am-2pm	School open, returning to normal school hours (i.e., start at 8.40am).		

Any change to our school plans, forced by last minute government decision making is always difficult. As a school we have kept a safe and sensible approach to the pandemic. The recent move to tier 4 will impact many in our community, but also reinforces the challenge we face to maintain education that matches the high standards we offer daily, along with a sense of normality. Over the next few weeks, we need to remember the following:

- In the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> January, remote lessons for students in year 7,8,9 and 10 will be organised with resources being invested into the examination groups and establishing the testing regime. This will undoubtedly create some interruptions, which we have to be prepared for.
- In the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January, we would look for all students to be accessing remote learning as per their timetables to prepare them for their return on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- In an effort to establish our testing provision, we will be starting with year 11 and teachers, so there may be temporary interruptions to our provision on line from time to time.

There are many other areas to consider and share next week, but the key thing is to be aware of the plans for returning. We will write again next week with details of testing, permission forms and hopefully even more information about our online provision. Again, there is a sense of urgency and seriousness in all of this, but we have to remember that cases in school have been low, cases on the Fylde have been low and that whatever disruption these new arrangements bring, we will do whatever is necessary to allow our students the chance to succeed in a happy and safe environment. The late move to remote learning has impacted all families and I am sorry that we could not provide information sooner. There will be more letters, questions and information as the first week of January passes and I thank you again for your support and understanding.

Happy New Year!



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