Dear Families

I hope that you enjoyed a good (if rather short) Christmas.

I am writing to you following the announcement this afternoon by the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson regarding the return to school for both primary and secondary age students from January 2021.

Further to my email of 18 December the **following changes have been announced today** to the return of children to school in January.

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| Tues 5 January 2021   | All Primary age children   All registered Key Worker Children   All invited Vulnerable Children **Awaiting confirmation of which year groups will receive remote learning.**     |
| Mon 11 January 2021    | All Primary age children   All registered Key Worker Children   All invited Vulnerable Children    All Year 11 students **Awaiting confirmation of which year groups will receive remote learning.**     |
| Mon 18 January 2021    | All children across all year groups to return to school. (subject to further announcements)     |

We will be offering on-site provision for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. Please complete the form by 9am on Monday 4 January if you are eligible ([see list here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision)) to send your child to school. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=F9exBCo0iEqAqqHA-C3G0yrjIkxbcT5EoAe2MEybkSdUMFFEQTBVUlFPWUtTUkdYRTlISEdTVVVENS4u>

We are continuing to work with the Department for Education in order to be in a position to provide testing to as many secondary-age students as soon as possible, for Covid-19, in January.  The Government has still not informed us in detail of how the testing will be carried out in schools but as soon as we know, we will contact you again to ensure we have consent from you for your child to participate.

We will contact you again on Monday 4 January, which is a staff training day to provide more details about the remote learning provision for secondary students, but should you have any concerns in the interim please email covid@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk. I do appreciate how difficult it is to change plans at this late stage which is why I wanted to contact you to give you as much time as possible to put arrangements in place.