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Dear Parent / Carer ,

Start of Term January 2021

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable and fun filled Christmas break in what has been a very unusual time for us all. We have now received the full Government guidance, though this has already changed three times in the past 24 hours, and we continue to be busy planning for students to safely return to school this term.

With the significant increase in COVID-19 cases and with evidence suggesting that the infection rate is particularly high in the secondary school age group the start of term for face-to-face learning has been delayed.

Therefore, all students are expected to start this term by engaging in a remote learning offer from **9:50am on Tuesday 5th January**. Further details of what you can expect in terms of our remote learning offer and the expectations of students will be shared with you over this coming weekend.

All secondary schools in England will then be open for face-to face learning to students in exam years, that is our Year 11 students only, from **Monday 11th January**, and for all other Year groups from **Monday 18th January** at the earliest.

However, the school will be open for face-to-face learning for vulnerable children and those whose parents / carers are critical workers from **9:50am on Tuesday 5th January**.

Please can I ask that ALL parents complete the following survey, no later than 5pm on Sunday 3rd January, to answer some key questions and help us to identify whether your child qualifies for face-to-face learning from next week.

The link to form can be found here.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pl64IYeN6E6E77cZGYWgypTVS0QgjjNFrM7qVWj3z0tUM0Y1S1BMVEVVWDJVVjZGUKRUWkpLU0o5Ui4u>

For those requesting a place in school for face-to-face learning, please be aware that we can only accept children in school from those parents who have completed the survey as this will be used to inform staffing levels. Students will not be allowed into school if a request has not been made.

I shall write to you again as soon as I can to inform you about the mass testing programme in schools and what this will mean but at present we are awaiting further details and guidance on how this will work.

I am so sorry to have to again communicate with you at such short notice and I hope these changes do not cause you and your family further difficulties.

I wish you all a joyful and blessed new year and thank you all for your continuing support.

Kind regards,

Mr J Salberg, Principal