

Dear parents and carers,

As you may be aware, the government have had to review the opening of schools in light of the increasing COVID-19 infection rate. Previously, secondary schools had been asked to open only for Y11 and 13 students along with vulnerable and keyworker students. This is in parallel with a program of mass testing for secondary students and staff working on site.

The government has now decided to delay the re-opening of schools for the vast majority of students, with Y11 and Y13 students returning to face to face lessons on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January and the rest of the cohort (that is Y7, 8, 9, 10 and Y12) arriving back at school on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> January. Students in all secondary year groups will receive a full timetable of remote learning with the exception of Key Stage 3 Drama and non-GCSE PE lessons from 8.45am on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January until they return to school on either the 11<sup>th</sup> or the 18<sup>th</sup>.

We will be offering provision for keyworker students in Y7/8 in the first week of term, which we will open up for older keyworker students as our testing capacity allows. This will be for older students who are unable to work at home.

Parents of vulnerable students and students with EHCP plans will be contacted in the near future to discuss their attendance at school in the first week. The learning support department will be coordinating this and will be decided on an as needed basis in discussion with parents and carers. The government advice is that all students who attend school will be tested twice over a fixed period when they arrive back in school.

Primary phase will open as normal on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

We will update parents with information as soon as we receive it.

Can I thank all parents for their continued support for the school and hope everyone is able, as far as possible, to have a happy new year.

Regards

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