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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you again today following the announcement from the Government that was made yesterday afternoon.

In this announcement, the Government updated its guidance regarding the start of term in January for secondary school students. The Government has now advised that secondary schools in England should not fully re-open to all students and staff until Monday 11th January 2021.

Whilst this includes the majority of our students, the school will be open from Wednesday 6th January for students who fit the following criteria:

- Students classed as vulnerable;
- Children of key workers;
- Students in Year 11 and Year 13.

This is a slight amendment to the published dates. We will be using Tuesday 5th January as a logistical planning day in line with guidance from the Department for Education. Unless your child is within one of the groups listed above, they should not attend school until the 11th January 2021. The only exception to this is where a student outside these groups has a public examination or controlled assessment during the first week of term. In this situation, the student will be expected to attend for the examination session(s) only.

All other students will receive their learning remotely for the first week of term (from Wednesday 6th January to Friday 8th January) and they will be expected to engage fully with this. This can be accessed through Microsoft Teams (Assignments). When an Assignment is set via Microsoft Teams, students will be notified via their school email, so please remind your child to check this. Thank you for your support.

We appreciate that this change is very short notice and may therefore cause you some inconvenience. However, it is essential that we closely follow all Government guidance on COVID-19 to safeguard our students, staff and wider school community.

Additional information in relation to the distribution of Free School Meals for those eligible students will be shared in the New Year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing your child on the relevant start date in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Mayes
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