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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are well and have managed to enjoy some quality time over the holiday season, despite the restrictions that we all face on a daily basis.

When I wrote to you on the 18th December, I outlined our plans to have all pupils return to school on Monday 4th January, despite the government offering schools the opportunity to have a phased return, to roll out the mass testing programme. We believed that we would be able to manage this, alongside providing face to face learning for all of our pupils, reducing child care dilemmas for parents and carers.

Today's announcement by the Government to increase restrictions, both locally and nationally and delay the start of the school term, means that we will need to review our plans in order to support effective infection control and help break the chains of transmission.

From the week beginning **Monday 4th January**, school will be **closed to all pupils**. From Tuesday 5th January, only children of key workers and those identified as vulnerable, will be required to attend school as normal where they will receive supervised remote learning in year group bubbles.

Year 11 will begin to receive remote learning from **Tuesday 5th January** and will return to school on **Monday 11th January**.

All other year groups will receive remote learning via their Chromebooks from **Monday 11th January** and will return to school on **Monday 18th January**. Remote learning lessons will take place inline with their normal school timetable and pupils will be expected to log in at the start of each lesson to receive either a live lesson or be given their instructions for the work that they will be doing in that lesson.

The Year 10 ILEs scheduled for Monday 11th January, will now start on Monday 18th January (further details will follow).

If you are a key worker and would like your child to attend school, please complete the form below by following the link. The categories of key workers can be found here:

[Key Worker Categories](#)

[Key Worker request form](#)

This letter comes to you as soon after the announcement by the Secretary of State for Education. I will write to you again at the start of January to give you more specific details about the return to school for different year groups and the arrangements for testing pupils on their return.

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Our aim is to have all of our pupils in school. This is where we know that they are supported most effectively, both educationally and in terms of their well-being. However, under the current circumstances this is not possible and I thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Eccles - Head of School