



17 December 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Staggered start to the new term**

Apologies for yet another letter from me. As soon as we sent my earlier letter, the government announced that secondary schools will be operating a **staggered start** to the new term.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/staggered-rollout-of-coronavirus-testing-for-secondary-schools-and-colleges>

The stated reason for this approach is to allow schools to make arrangements for the new mass testing scheme.

This means that from Monday 4 January for one week:

- Years 7-10 will be working remotely, following our remote learning provision detailed [here](#);
- Year 11 will be in school for face to face teaching.

We expect all year groups to be back in school full time from Monday 11 January.

For those year groups who have been asked to move to remote learning, our special provision will be made available for the children of keyworkers and others who need specific support. Students in this category may attend school and will be supervised to complete their online learning. If you believe your child qualifies for this provision, then please complete the form [here](#) by Wednesday 23 December at 12pm. Similarly, if you have a child in year 7-10 who is entitled to Free School Meals and would like to collect meals for your child please complete the same form.

I appreciate the ongoing disruption that this will cause and can only apologise. We have to implement what we are required to do by the government. As I mentioned in my previous letter, I will let you know as and when we have further clarity about the mass-testing scheme.

Once again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Yours Sincerely

**Mr A Johnson**  
Headteacher