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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you in response to the late announcements from the Department for Education yesterday regarding plans for January and the roll out of testing in schools. Significant details are still lacking and the guidance is quite likely to change over the next few weeks.

There is some clarity in what we now know.

- Year 11 will be on site as normal from Monday 4 January.
- Years 7 - 10 will be working remotely from home following their normal pattern of timetabled lessons, with the exception of students where parents are in specific groups (yet to be defined)
- We will provide online meal vouchers for students in years 7 - 10 who are in receipt of free school meals to cover this week away from school.

In addition to Year 11, we will, on Monday 4 January, supervise on site the children of NHS staff, Emergency services and staff in care homes only. Please can you fill out this [online form](#). We will contact you over the weekend of 2 & 3 January to confirm on which days your child will be attending school during the week 4 - 8 January.

On the morning of Monday 4 January we will send a new letter with the latest guidance and an online form for parents of vulnerable children and other key workers where you can identify whether your child will attend for the days 5 - 8 January. We will then contact you during Monday 4 January to confirm that your child can attend on site.

All students in years 7 - 10 who are on site will be completing the same remote work that is being set for the other students remaining at home. They will need to bring their chrome book and headphones into school.

The implementation of mass testing on a school site poses significant logistical challenges and it is clear that schools will not be in a position to carry out covid testing in the first week back after Christmas and so I will send a separate letter in the new year in which I will outline how and when it will take place and also how consent will be given.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a peaceful and restful Christmas.

Yours faithfully



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