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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to welcoming all our students back to some form of learning from tomorrow (5th January) following what we hope has been a good Christmas break.

Please see below the rationale and our expectations for each year group from 5th January:-

Rationale

- Revised expectations for staff teaching Years 7-10 from 5th - 8th January enables the setting up of the required testing procedures, additional staff training, phone calls and safe return to work.
- We want our teaching staff focus to be on Year 11 to ensure excellent progress and catch up in this crucial exam year in line with the Government's prioritisation.
- Senior Leaders need sufficient time to safely implement testing procedures for all staff and all students.
- We will be ensuring parents/carers/students, following the break, are in contact with the school and feel sufficiently supported in terms of their academic progress and wellbeing; ensuring they have the required resources and understanding of what is expected for online learning and their return to school, including testing.
- Support departments to deliver an appropriate curriculum for students both in-school and learning at home.

Year 11

From Tuesday 5th January, Year 11 will follow their normal full timetable remotely on Google Classroom.

Teachers of Year 11 classes will teach in line with the remote teaching and learning policy.

From Monday 11th January, Year 11 will return and follow their normal timetable in school.

Years 7-10

From Tuesday 5th January, teachers will set a piece of work in their Google Classroom for their subject of at least an hour's length and no more than the allocated curriculum time for the week.

All work will be set by the end of Tuesday 5th January and must be submitted by 4pm on Friday 8th January. This work will be checked for completion and STEP points and Demerits awarded as appropriate.

From Monday 11th January, all students in Years 7-10 will follow a full online timetable completing the lessons at home at the same time as they would in school via Google Classroom.

From Monday 18th January, Years 7-10 will return and follow their normal timetable in school.

Students in school from 5th January 2021

There will be up to 100 vulnerable and critical workers' children in school. They will remain in their year group bubbles and follow the same timetable as last term. Departments may choose to combine classes within the bubble where individual class numbers would otherwise be very low. Staff will collect students following the normal procedures at the start of each day. Students not in these categories are not permitted in school for any reason other than testing.

Whilst the logistics, training and operation of testing in school presents many challenges, we are looking forward to being able to offer rapid flow testing to our staff and students. Initially, students will be tested on their return or slightly prior to this. Students are required to have two tests within a 5 day period. If they test positive, they will need to go home to isolate and will be given a PCR test to complete to confirm the outcome of the rapid flow test. Students will administer the test themselves under the direction of trained staff and volunteers. For students who have been in close contact with a positive case; they will be offered a daily test for 7 school days and if they remain negative, they can continue to attend school. This is a significant step forward and will enable us to keep more students in school and avoid sending whole bubbles home to isolate. Tests are voluntary and require consent. A form for your consent will be sent out shortly.

Our current plan for testing is subject to change as we are still in the process of identifying and training staff, but our hope is that we will follow the timetable for this below. Please note, that on days when students are required for a test, but are carrying out remote learning from home, they will be asked to attend at a particular time and will leave after the test has been completed to return home. The testing process yields a result within 30 minutes. Whilst these times are subject to change and will be confirmed after receipt of your consent form, I thought it would be helpful for you to be aware of when we are hoping tests will take place. Ideally, we would like as many students as possible to be tested so that we can ensure the safety of all and keep the school operating as fully as possible.

Year group	1st test	2nd test
11	Monday 11th am Sports Hall	Friday 15th am Sports Hall
10	Wednesday 13th am Sports Hall	Monday 18th am Sports Hall
9	Thursday 14th pm Sports Hall	Tuesday 19th am Sports Hall
8	Wednesday 13th pm Sports Hall	Monday 18th pm Sports Hall
7	Friday 15th pm Sports Hall	Tuesday 19th pm Sports Hall
SEN	Thursday 14th 10:00am Sports Hall	Monday 18th 11:30am Sports Hall
LEAP	Thursday 14th 9:00am Sports Hall	Tuesday 19th 11:30am Sports Hall
Staff	ASAP	Subsequent tests every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday after school (3:00-4:00pm)

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, you will shortly be receiving details of how to request food supplies from the school. If you are having any difficulties at all with remote learning at home or any other issues, please do not hesitate to contact us at school. Staff will be in school from Tuesday 5th January and happy to assist with any queries you may have.

I am conscious that the Prime Minister is due to speak this evening and likely to introduce further restrictions. As yet, we do not know if these will affect schools and our plans set out above. If they do, we will contact you again with further updates.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Burridge', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

John Burridge
Headteacher