



18 December 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Following Ms Davies letter regarding student COVID testing and also with regard to the government announcement of a switch to remote learning for Years 7-10 in the first week of the new term we have been left with a huge amount of work to complete to ensure we are ready for these challenges. These announcements have come at a time when the staff are on the verge of leaving for their Christmas holiday after a very long term. **With this in mind I will be using the offer made by the government in the guidance issued yesterday to make the January 4th an extraordinary INSET day.** Whilst I understand this is very late notice, staff need time to adapt their curriculum to remote learning and the delivery of live lessons on Google Classroom and we also have the logistical challenge of preparing a space for student Covid testing and the training and recruiting staff to follow this process.

However, as previously mentioned, from January 5th we will be open to the children of key workers and any identified vulnerable students who will be supervised in their completion of work on Google Classroom. **Please complete the online survey (link below) if you wish to access this offer.** This survey has a question regarding any problems with technology and accessing Google Classroom work that you may have.

[Survey for Key Workers & families with vulnerable students](#)

We will also be open for face to face teaching with Year 11 from January 5th and we look forward to giving them a great face to face learning experience.

Thank you for understanding during this very difficult period.

Yours sincerely

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