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Dear Parent/Carer

Phased Return in January 2021

Firstly, I feel I must apologise for the late notification to you of the change to our planned return to the new Spring Term in January. Unfortunately, we are being directed at late notice by the Government to return our young people on a phased basis from the week commencing Monday 4 January 2021. In line with that directive the following arrangements will be in place for the start of term.

- Tuesday 5 January 2021 – All Year 11 learners will return to school as arranged
- Tuesday 5 January – if your child has previously attended school as an identified vulnerable learner **or both parents** are critical workers they may attend school. If you believe your child is in this category and will be attending school, please let the school know so that we can plan accordingly by completing the form..... by 11am on Monday 4 January 2021. Please note we may request evidence of critical workers for our records. During this week we will have a limited food offer in place and the canteen will be open for hot food but it may be preferable to bring a packed lunch. It is important to note that students in school will receive the same blended learning offer as students working from home.
- Wednesday 6 January- Year 10 learners are required return to school.
- Tuesday 5 to Friday 8 January 2021 – **all** other young people will be receiving blended learning at home and should not physically attend. Please note if you access Free School Meals and are not in school we will be issuing vouchers through our usual system.
- Monday 11 January 2021 – **all** young people will attend school physically to engage in their learning as usual.

I do appreciate that late notice changes may cause families great difficulty but I am communicating this to you at the earliest possible opportunity.

You may also have seen the widely reported mass testing of staff and young people in school from 4 January. Though this is a voluntary test for all groups, I am sure you will appreciate that an operation of this size requires careful planning. To reassure you at this time **we will not be instigating Lateral Flow Testing in school from 4 January**. We will write to you again when the guidance is clearer about the expectations to be placed on schools.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and yours a happy Christmas

Yours sincerely

Mr G Cannon
Headteacher