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Dear Parents/Carers,

I apologise for needing to write to you again with further news of changes to the start of term, but the Government have last night announced a requirement for some year groups to work from home until January 11th.

It is unfortunate that we have received this notification so late in the term and this has not yet been supported with further detail from the Department for Education regarding expectations.

What we are clear of is that only years 11 and 13, as well as children of critical workers and those classed as vulnerable, will be attending face to face lessons from Tuesday 5th January until Friday 8th January, with all other students receiving online lessons.

As per previous correspondence from Mrs Timmins, we have been planning for such eventualities in the background and are therefore poised to teach via Google Meet. Mrs Timmins will send a second letter home later today with detailed arrangements.

In the meantime, please can I ask all parents to complete the survey [here](#), so that we are clear of which students will be coming in under the qualification of critical workers/vulnerability. We also need further detail on accessibility to remote technology, so we are well prepared to support students for the 4 days of remote learning.

Year 11 and 13 are expected to attend all lessons as per their January timetable from 5th January. Lessons commence at 9.05am and doors to the school will be open from 8.50am. Timetables will be issued on arrival with a summary of Tuesday's lessons sent out in advance. There will be no PE lessons on Tuesday 5th January so year 11 should arrive in full uniform.

We will confirm arrangements on 4th January with families who indicate, in the survey above, that their child will be attending under the category of critical worker/vulnerability.

All other students in years 7-10 and year 12 will access their lessons via Google Meet according to the schedule Mrs Timmins sends out.

We expect a full return for all students on Monday 11th January unless the Government make further changes to this arrangement.

You may also have heard about plans to introduce mass testing within schools from 4th January. We are awaiting further detail on this and will communicate in due course once we have a clearer understanding of how schools will be supported in delivering this initiative.

Once again may I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas break,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tash Hurtado'.

Tash Hurtado, Headteacher