

28 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Change to start of Spring Term

The Department for Education has suggested that schools take an additional training day in the first week back after Christmas, to help with the planning for COVID-19 testing for staff and pupils. Given the amount of planning that still needs to be done, with the Government only first announcing the mass-testing plan as we broke up for Christmas, the extra day for staff planning would be very helpful to the school.

This means that the Christmas holiday will be one day longer for all pupils and their Spring term will now start on Tuesday 5 January.

The arrangements will be:

- Year 11 and Year 13 pupils return to school from Tuesday 5 January.
- Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 pupils work from home from Tuesday 5 to Friday 8 January.
- Vulnerable pupils and pupils who are the children of key workers may also attend school from Tuesday 5 to Friday 8 January (In the case of the children of key workers, please only send your child to school from 5 to 8 January where it is essential to enable you to work). The link to the key workers / vulnerable children form is [here](#). To book your child's place in school, please complete it by 5pm on 31 December (parents who have already completed the form do not need to complete it again):

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vDuWFAXs0yVOcrxk6wMlhay_x-4GdhBILpwTj-tuhJUOEFaNEVINEU5M1RMNEIBTUFIRU45SEs1QS4u

We are expecting all pupils back in school from Monday 11 January.

We will write to you again this week with any further information that emerges, such as information about COVID-19 mass testing.

Best wishes

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