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Dear Parent

Staggered return to school in January – Year 11 and Year 13 only in first week of term on 4th January 2021

You will doubtless have heard on the news that the government has just announced that all secondary schools and colleges in England will be able to test more of their staff and students in a round of free coronavirus testing from the first week of January. As a result of this, secondary schools and colleges will operate a staggered return, offering all non-exam year groups remote education, during the first week of term, with face-to-face education for **all starting on 11 January**.

Please note that, as this is for *one week only* – the school will not operate its full lockdown timetable. Instead, each day pupils should follow their normal Week One timetable at home and do the work set by their subject teachers on google classroom or by email.

As soon as schools receive more guidance about the practical aspects of the rapid testing using lateral flow tests, we will inform parents. Testing will be optional but strongly encouraged.

In the meantime – may we wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Stay safe!

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Headteacher