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Mr Jim Roberts- Headteacher

18th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought I had written my last letter of the year, however further government announcements have meant I need to communicate again over the arrangements for the start of the new term, in January 2021.

The DfE announced plans on Thursday 17th December 2020, for schools to implement a staggered start to the new term to help limit the transmission of COVID-19 and also provide time for schools to organise a testing programme, as I highlighted in a previous letter.

The implications of their latest guidance is that students in year 11 and our 6th Form should attend school and lessons according to their normal timetable from Monday 4th January 2021. Ms Mellor has sent a separate letter to all parents and carers regarding provision for SEND/vulnerable students and those of critical workers. Responses to the survey will need to be returned by Wednesday 23rd December 2020, to support our planning for the first week back.

All other students in years 7,8, 9 and 10 will remain at home during the week beginning Monday 4th January 2020 and follow their normal timetable remotely through TEAMS. They should log onto Firefly at the time of their normal lesson to access the link.

The quality of our remote learning provision has been highlighted and shared as high quality practice across the Local Authority, so whilst this is not the way I would have wished for these students to start the term, I am confident that the disruption to their learning will be minimal.

All students will return to school to follow their normal timetable from Monday January 11th 2020.

As I highlighted in a previous letter further communication regarding testing will be shared when we get back after the break.

I acknowledge this news may cause some families difficulties in managing childcare for the first week of the new term. I hope you will appreciate this is not something we would have wanted to share with you on the last day of term, having been previously clear about arrangements for the start of 2021.

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These continue to be challenging times in which we are responding as best we can to the direction, advice and guidance of government / Local Authority.

Best wishes

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