



2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm sure you have now heard the government's announcement from Wednesday, re: reopening of secondary schools in January, that took us all by surprise! We have been making sense of the announcement over the last two days and I now share the plan with you:

**Students who MUST come to school as normal from Tuesday 5th January:**

7S  
8S  
9S  
10S  
11S

**\*PLUS:**

Any critical workers' children or any other children whose parents/carers request an in school place for the due to their circumstances. You will receive a survey by email/text to indicate to us if your child will be attending, alternatively call the school and leave a message.

**Students who stay at home and access remote lessons as per their timetable:**

Year 11 (not S - see above)  
Year 12  
Year 13  
9E  
10E

**Students who study independently from home (see website for guidance from Monday):**

Year 7 (not S)  
Year 8 (not S)  
Year 9 (not E&S)  
Year 10 (not E&S)

At present, Year 11 will resume normal school from Monday 11th January and Yr12/13 from Tuesday 12th January. I will write again at the end of next week to confirm this and inform you of the provision for other year groups starting from 11th January 2021.

All students MUST have evidence of a negative PCR Covid test on returning to school as I explained in my letter before the break, unless they have tested positive in the last 90 days. All students attending site MUST also have parental consent for a self-administered LFT (lateral flow testing) at school twice weekly. All teachers and school staff will do the same. The aim is to keep the site Covid free, so our school and community remains safe during this phase of the new variant until the majority of us are

vaccinated. Mr Wylde will contact you by email or text to gain consent and give you more details of the testing programme we are setting up next week. If you do not consent you will need to meet a member of the school's senior team to discuss your reasons before your child is able to attend school. Over 16 year olds give their own consent.

I hope you have enjoyed the New Year celebrations, I wish you a very happy 2021, or at the very least a much better year than 2020!

Thank you for your continued support and I'm really sorry for the delayed start to term and the inconvenience this must cause you and your families.

I will write again at the end of next week to confirm plans for the week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Roberts', written in a cursive style.

Mr A Roberts  
Headteacher