

December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are sure you will have seen the news over the last two days and the government announcements yesterday regarding the return to school in January 2021. Currently, the information we have is that only students in Year 11, vulnerable children and the children of critical workers will return to school on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**. **Please note this is a change to our previously published start date to the Spring Term.**

The reason for this announcement is that the government have advised that Covid testing is to be carried out by schools and will be available for all students and staff from the start of term. The information surrounding testing has only been shared with schools over the last few days, and we are awaiting further guidance to assist us with how those processes will operate within our academy. These tests will be optional and will require the consent of parents/carers. As soon as we have further details from the government, and made necessary arrangements, we will communicate with parents/carers at the start of term.

In order for us to make provision for vulnerable students and children of critical workers in Years 7 – 10, we would appreciate it if you could make us aware if you will require your son/daughter to attend school during the first week of January (Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th). Please email covid19@stb.academy so we can discuss this with you further.

All other students will return to on-site provision on **Monday 11th January 2021**. Therefore, remote learning will be provided for all students in Years 7 – 10 who are not on site from the 5th to 8th January 2021. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child accesses, and completes, the work in line with their normal timetable.

Please continue to follow government and NHS guidance on the current restrictions and testing provision and if you have any questions please get in touch via our covid19 email address: this email will be checked regularly up until the 23rd December and then monitored over the rest of the holiday, although replies may take longer than during term time.

We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause parents/carers and we will do our best to keep you up to date with any changes that might occur during the holiday period.

Please keep safe and take care.

Yours faithfully,



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