

Our Ref: HeadteacherSA: parental ltrs/POS/JOD
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to my letter on 18th December outlining the arrangements I write once again to provide an update on my holding message on Thursday 31st.

This is a response to the new guidance issued by the Government/DfE on 30th December. I am sure by now you will all have seen my message from Thursday and media reports regarding a staggered return to school. We are now implementing the education contingency framework delaying school start. The link can be found here:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-contingency-framework-for-education-and-childcare-settings

Please read the following information carefully as this new information now updates the letter from 18th December. The guidelines state:

During the w/c 4th January secondary schools should:

- Ensure on-site provision is available for vulnerable children and young people and children of critical workers (you may have notified us already if you require a place).
- Work to set up a rapid covid-19 testing programme.
- Prioritise resources for remote education for exam year groups.

Please see the table set below and overleaf for guidelines/year group plans:

	Monday 4th January: designated INSET Day – school closed to all students
	Tuesday 5th January – Friday 8th January
Year 11	Students should access Microsoft TEAMS to engage in remote learning
Year 10	TEAMS where resources allow Use of ClassCharts platform
Year 9	TEAMS where resources allow Use of ClassCharts platform
Year 8	TEAMS where resources allow Use of ClassCharts platform
Year 7	TEAMS where resources allow Use of ClassCharts platform
Key Worker Children	School open to students who have requested and are eligible for this provision. Dining Hall provision as usual but limited food options.
Vulnerable Students	School open to vulnerable students who are eligible (contact will be made by school staff the vulnerable students that are not attending) Dining Hall provision as usual but limited food options.

	Monday 11th January – Friday 15th January
Year 11	To attend school as normal for face to face lessons and follow timetable. Dining Hall provision available as usual.
Year 10	Students should access Microsoft TEAMS and ClassCharts
Year 9	Students should access Microsoft TEAMS and ClassCharts
Year 8	Students should access Microsoft TEAMS and ClassCharts
Year 7	Students should access Microsoft TEAMS and ClassCharts
Key Worker Children	Same as w/c 4 th January
Vulnerable Students	Same as w/c 4 th January

	w/c Monday 18th January
Year 11/10/9/8/7	All students to return to school as normal. Please ensure the new start times are adhered to so a staggered start to the day is supported.

Covid-19 National Testing Programme

I briefly mentioned this mass testing programme on 18th December as school are expected to offer the opportunity for students to be tested. Further details have since been shared with schools and final operational guidance procedures and planning are underway. Parent/Carer consent is required in order for any students to be part of the school wide rollout of testing. Letters for your consent will follow in due course along with any accompanying guidance and I will communicate accordingly with any updates.

I hope you have all been able to enjoy the Christmas and New Year break and I wish you health and happiness for 2021. A separate letter will follow with a reminder of how to engage positively with remote learning/TEAMS at home.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher