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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: The start of spring term 2021

I wrote briefly just before Christmas and now write, again briefly, just before New Year, following the Education Secretary's briefing this afternoon.

To help your planning, please see the **changes to our previously published details** about when your child is expected to return to school and when they should expect to follow virtual learning from home. **Though arrangements may still be subject to change**, the following are the initial arrangements for the beginning of the spring term based on this afternoon's briefing:

- **Monday 4th January**
 - **INSET Day** - no students in school
- **Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th January**
 - Virtual learning at home for all students except for
 - In-school provision for children of key workers and vulnerable children to engage in virtual learning in computer rooms in school.
- **Monday 11th to Friday 15th January**
 - In-school face to face provision for Years 13 and 11 following their usual timetable
 - Virtual learning at home for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12 except for:
 - In-school provision for children of key workers and vulnerable children to engage in virtual learning in computer rooms in school;
- **Monday 18th January**
 - **All students return** to school for face to face learning (except any students self-isolating).

We will be offering the voluntary mass testing programme to students and staff as soon as we are able to get it up and running. NHS Test and Trace and the DfE are providing guidance to support this programme and we now have some time next week to arrange this and get it underway whilst supporting virtual learning for your children. I will be writing to you shortly asking for volunteers to help with the testing process. I will also write to you separately to confirm details of the mass testing process and to provide the opportunity for you to give consent for this voluntary testing for students under 16 and provide students over 16 with the opportunity to give consent. Please check your ParentPay email (and your junk/spam folder) for further information in due course.

In the meantime, happy New Year to you all.

Steve Elphick