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Dear Parents

A Happy New Year to you all. I am writing, further to my letter of 23 December, with some adjusted information regarding the start of term next week. As I anticipated in my December letter, the goal posts have shifted, and our arrangements have had to change.

### **Additional INSET Day – Monday 4 January**

Monday 4 January will be an INSET day, as previously advised. This will allow teaching staff to prepare for remote teaching, and to allow the School to begin to prepare for testing arrangements (see below).

### **Staggered start to term in January**

On Tuesday 5 January, remote teaching will begin **for all Year groups**. Teachers will be setting up Teams meetings for all lessons, and students are expected to log on and follow their normal timetable. There will be no Tutor Time during the first week, and students should use this as an opportunity to get a longer break away from their screen.

On Monday 11 January, Years 11 and 13 will return to school as normal; all other Year groups will continue to be taught remotely.

On Monday 18 January, all Year groups will return to school.

### **COVID testing of students in school**

I shall write separately to parents on the matter of testing, as there is much information to share; however, at this stage, I do want to draw a couple of matters to your attention and ask you to begin to give thought to them.

Firstly, for those who choose to be tested, a scheduled appointment window will be set up. It is our intention that the first (and possibly both) of the two initial tests will take place before the students are due back to school (as per the dates above), and your support in getting your child to school for his/her test will be appreciated.

Secondly, there is absolutely no way that the School can operate the required testing arrangements using existing staff, and the 1500 military personnel who are being deployed to assist the approximately 3500 secondary schools in England aren't going to stretch very far. Therefore, we will be dependent upon volunteers. It would help us immensely if parents (or friends) could be available to support us in our work in this regard. Further information will follow; however, at this stage, I can reassure you that there would not be a requirement to commit to every day (the more volunteers we get, the less frequently individuals would be called upon), there would be appropriate training for the role, and the role would not involve the administering of a test to a child – it would be supervision or processing only.

I thank you, in advance, for your assistance in all these matters.

Your sincerely

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Headmaster

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