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Principals Update 3rd. January: INSET day on January 4th and arrangements for the return to school and COVID testing in school

Dear Parents and Carers,

Let me start by wishing you a happy and healthy New Year.

I am sorry to have to contact at the weekend about the following items but as you may be aware, advice from the Department for Education has been changing on a day-by-day basis over the last three days or so about the return of students to school and Mass Testing. I have wanted to avoid sending you repeated emails with ever changing advice but also want to let you know of our plans at this point.

Below, I have outlined how we expect students will return to school, although, I must make you aware this may change. I have also outlined the intended government plans for testing for COVID in schools, although detailed arrangements, the tests themselves and training materials are still to be received by staff at the school.

January 4th is an INSET day

Excalibur Academies Trust, in line with government guidance, have agreed to additional INSET on January 4th for all secondary school in the Trust, including ours. This will mean that school will not operate for any students on January 4th. All students should remain at home. Remote Learning will not be operational as we undertake training and preparation for the new term with staff.

5th. January – 8th. January

- Only vulnerable children and children of key workers will be on site. Parents will receive a separate email, regarding this, to pre-book this provision. Packed lunches will be available for all these students without charge, although you may wish to supply your own. Students should bring in an adequate supply of drinking water to an appropriate winter clothing, including a raincoat or umbrella.
- Remote education will be provided for Year 7 to Year 11 daily according to a student's usual timetable. Support is available for those with limited IT access.

11th. January – 15th. January

- Vulnerable children, children of key workers and students in Year 11 will be on site. Packed lunches will be available for order all these students, although you may wish to supply your own. Free School Meal students will not have to pay for lunch. Students should bring in an adequate supply of drinking water and appropriate winter clothing, including a raincoat or umbrella.
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- Remote education will be provided for all other students in Years 7 to 10
- Mass Testing is due to commence for those that have given permission, prioritising Year 11 students, those students on site and staff. Further details of testing arrangements will follow once we have full details and preparations have been completed.

18th. January – 22nd. January and onwards

- All students in all Year groups are expected to return to school. Packed lunches will be provided for Free School Meal students and be available to order for all other students, although you may wish to supply your own. Students should bring in an adequate supply of drinking water and appropriate winter clothing, including a raincoat or umbrella.
- Any scheduled vocational exams should go ahead as planned.
- Close Contact Testing is due to commence for those that have given permission, and want to remain in school, having been a close contact of positive case. This will mean daily testing for 7 days. Close contacts that have not given permission will receive Remote Learning from home. Further details of testing arrangements will follow once we have full details and preparations have been completed.

Attendance: Does my child need to attend and how do I report a COVID case once school starts?

From 5th January onwards, students should attend all lessons, whether Remote Learning or in school, as appropriate. If your child is unwell and unable to attend Remote Learning or any in school provision, please let us know via reception or our absence line.

Date:	Who do I inform?
05/01/2020 onwards Positive COVID Test? Inform School	Normal service for reporting COVID absence resumes in school and we can be informed via reception or our absence line.

Best wishes,

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Principal
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