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IMPORTANT: Staggered school start

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday afternoon, we were informed that the government have instructed secondary schools to **stagger the start of next term**. The purpose of this is outlined in the government press release: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/staggered-rollout-of-coronavirus-testing-for-secondary-schools-and-colleges>

This means that **Year 11 students will start the term as normal on Tuesday 5th January** and will sit their GCSE mock examinations as planned. As a reminder, all year 11 students must bring a packed lunch for the first two weeks.

In addition, children whose parents are **critical workers** can also attend school. Students with an education health care plan for Educational Special Needs and Disabilities and those with a social worker (known as '**vulnerable students**'), should attend school from **5th January**.

We will presume that all vulnerable students will attend and there is nothing further for parents to do.

In order to ensure students are safe and any genuine absence can be followed up, parents who are critical workers must inform school if they require a place by **12.00pm on Wednesday 30th December** via the dedicated form that can be found [here](#). These students will have to attend for the full week (5th-8th January).

Those students who are at home, will be required to follow their usual timetable with teachers providing remote learning resources for every lesson and some live learning to support this. The procedures for remote learning are on the school's website and can be found by following this [link](#). Parents and students are reminded that the schools behaviour policy applies to students who are learning remotely.

All students will return to school on Monday 11th January as usual.

Thank you for your continued patience and support and can I wish you and all our school community a restful break and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

