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Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid-19 Update: Arrangements for Beginning of Term

I hope that you and your families are enjoying a safe and restful holiday period.

Further to my letter to you at the end of term in December, the Government has announced that the staggered return to school at the beginning of January will now take place over a longer time period for schools. This is both to reduce the risk of Covid-19 spreading further and also to ensure that every secondary school is fully prepared to carry out the mass testing of students when they return.

As a result of this announcement therefore, our spring term will begin as follows:

- Year 11 and Year 13: From 6th- 8th January, students will access a full curriculum online and will return to face-to-face learning on Monday 11th January.
- All other Year Groups: Term will begin as previously announced on Wednesday 6th January. However, for the first two weeks of term, students will access a **full curriculum online**. It is planned that they will **return to school during the week of 18th January**. Further details that set out exactly when during that week your child must come into school will be sent to you in due course.
- Any students due to sit external exams from week beginning 4th January will still attend to complete their exams. Further information on timings will follow early next week for students sitting these examinations.

Full details of the online curriculum for each Year Group can be accessed [here](#) or via the school website.

The children of key workers and those who are classed as vulnerable are able to return to school on 6th January.

Pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals will be sent vouchers in the same way as we did in the spring and summer terms.

The Government has also announced that all secondary schools are now formally required to undertake Covid-19 testing of students and staff when they return to school. Our plans to do this are already in hand and next week we will be sending you further details of how this will operate and a consent form which we would ask you to sign.

These are obviously challenging times for the country as a whole with cases of Covid-19 rising both locally and nationally. Our priority at all times, however, is to do everything we can to ensure each student receives as full and normal a curriculum as possible either in school or at home so we can continue to minimise the disruption that the pandemic causes to their education.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support for your child in their education during these times. It remains vital that, despite the ongoing challenges, every student continues to follow their online curriculum in full and comes to school as and when they are required to do so. If however your child has either tested positive for Covid-19, is already self-isolating or is displaying any symptoms of the virus on the day they are due to return to school, please do not send them to school but contact us via the covid@rrca.org.uk and we will give you further information on what you need to do.



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May I wish you a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Miss Bacon". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the text "Yours faithfully".

Miss Bacon

Principal