



DARRICK WOOD SCHOOL

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31st December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As we all come to terms with recent announcements by the government regarding the start of the new term, I set out below our revised plans for the next two weeks.

Monday, 4th January – an additional INSET day as announced before we broke up. **No students to attend school.** We will be using this day to review and further improve our remote education provision and to plan for lateral flow testing in accordance with government guidelines.

Public examinations will proceed as planned this week and those taking them should attend in accordance with their examinations timetable.

Year 11 should continue to prepare for their assessments, although the nature and timing of these will again have to be reviewed due to the government's change to the start of term and we will be in touch about this ASAP.

Tuesday, 5th January to Friday, 8th January – Only vulnerable children and those of critical workers to attend school. We will provide remote education for all other students. We will contact all parents/carers again tomorrow with details about how to book your child into a place in school for Tuesday to Friday. Further advancement of planning for lateral flow testing. We will contact you about this separately.

Monday, 11th January to Friday, 15th January – Vulnerable children and those of critical workers to attend school. Years 11 and 13 to return to school. Implementation of plans for lateral flow testing.

The current government guidance is that all children will return to school on site from 18th January and we very much hope this is the case.

I write this on New Year's Eve, looking back at a year like no other and one that continues to challenge. I sincerely hope that when I write to you in 2021 I can bring better news in time. I wish you all and your families a much improved 2021.

Yours sincerely

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