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17<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well.

The Government has this afternoon updated its guidance regarding the start of term in January and has advised that secondary schools in England should not fully re-open to all students and staff following the Christmas holidays until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

However, the school will still be open from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, as scheduled, for students classed as vulnerable, for children of key workers, and for Year 11 and Year 13 students.

All other students will receive their learning remotely for the first week of term (i.e. from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020) and they will be expected to engage fully with this. Thank you for your support in this.

Lessons will be broadcast live in line with normal timetables on Google Classroom. All students know how to access Google Classroom. However, if your child does not have access to IT equipment or the internet, please contact your child's Learning Manager as soon as possible, in order that we can source alternative work.

We appreciate that this change is short notice and may inconvenience you but it is essential that we closely follow all Government guidance on COVID-19 in order to safeguard our students, staff and wider school community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing your child, either on their lessons on the remote learning platform from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and then back in school from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January; or on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 if your child is classed as vulnerable, you are a key worker, or if your child is in an exam year group.

Yours faithfully,



Mr G Dzoboku  
Principal