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Dear Parents/Carers

School reopening arrangements January 2021

Further to the announcement by the government yesterday about secondary school pupils having a staggered return to school in January 2021, I would like to clarify that these rules do not apply to alternative provision schools or special schools. This means that your child will be expected to return to school on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.

The government has also shared some very limited details with schools around routine testing for staff, and serial testing for pupils and staff, if one of their contacts tests positive for COVID-19.

The Senior Leadership Team will be accessing some training this afternoon, and we will share more details about this with you early next term, or as soon as we have more information.

I would also like to further remind you that we are responsible for assisting with contact tracing up until Thursday 24th December 2020. Following guidelines from the Department for Education please take careful note of the following instructions:

- If your child does become poorly over the Christmas break and tests positive for COVID-19, please only alert us if the date of first displaying symptoms, or if asymptomatic the test date, was Sunday 20th December or earlier.
- If you need to alert us to a positive case please e-mail your child's Centre Leader, detailing your child's name and the date/time of first symptoms or test date if asymptomatic. E-mails will be checked every day. Do not leave a message on the school answer machine as this will not be picked up till January.
- If the date of first symptoms or, if asymptomatic the test date, was Monday 21st December or after this date, there is no need to let us know as we contact trace for 48 hours prior to this and school would have been closed to children at that time.
- If you or your child becomes unwell later in the holidays the ten-day self-isolation period must be completed before sending your child back to school in January.
- If your child will be missing the start of term, please e-mail your child's Centre Leader to advise when they will be returning.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and cooperation throughout this challenging term. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Wishing you all a safe and restful holiday

Yours faithfully



Tosin Gabriel
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