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Dear parents and carers

I hope you all had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas last week. 2020 has certainly been a very challenging year and I know we are all looking forward to more positive times ahead.

There have been several announcements made by the Government recently, regarding school openings and mass testing, and I wanted to write to you to provide as much clarity as possible on upcoming arrangements for your son / daughter.

Week beginning: Monday 4th January

- **On-site provision** - The school will be closed to the vast majority of students. This is to help break the high transmission of the virus in the area and to enable school staff to focus on developing a mass testing programme which will begin shortly.
- **Remote learning**
 - All year groups will move to **Tier 3** of our Remote Learning Strategy ([CLICK HERE](#)). Your child will be set work on Google Classrooms in each lesson, in-line with their normal timetable.
 - They will be required to 'check-in' each morning on the year group pastoral page to register their attendance.
 - Pastoral support will be provided by heads of year and form tutors through Google Classrooms and email.
 - Google Meets will initially be prioritised for **Years 11 and 13** in this first week.
 - Any issues with remote learning should either be directed to the Head of Year or, for more technical issues, to the dedicated support email address: wlfh@cooperscoborn.org.uk
- **Vulnerable students and children of key workers**
 - As previously communicated, resources within the school will be limited due to the focus on setting up the 'National Testing Programme'. However, we will be making provision for vulnerable students and the children of key workers if it is necessary for them to attend. The provision will be dependent on the numbers of students in school and they will be completing remote learning activities set on Google Classrooms. Therefore, if you feel it is essential that your child attend next week, please complete the Google Form at the following link: [CLICK HERE](#)
Please complete this form - even if you have already completed it before the Christmas break. The deadline for completing this form is 12pm tomorrow (Friday 1st January).
- **Free school meals** - Students who are working from home and are in receipt of free school meals will receive a supermarket gift card in the post.



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Week beginning: Monday 11th January

- **On-site provision** - The school will be open for students in Years 11 and 13. Vulnerable students and children of key workers will also still be able to attend school this week.
- **Remote learning** - This will continue as detailed above for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12.
- **Mass testing** - Students returning to school this week will have the opportunity to be involved in the National Testing Programme. Further details regarding this will follow shortly.

Week beginning: Monday 18th January

- **On-site provision** - Years 11, 13 and key worker/vulnerable students will be able to attend school. In addition, the aim is for all other year groups to return this week. However, this will be confirmed by the government once data are reviewed on infection rates in the local area.
- **Mass testing** - Students returning to school that have not yet been involved in the National Testing Programme will have the opportunity to do so this week (again, further details to follow).

Further key information:

- **Home testing kit** - I have been informed by Havering Public Health that those students in Years 11, 12 and 13 that received a home testing kit should **NOT** do the test on 2nd January as previously communicated. Instead, these students should complete the tests, and return them to the designated community collection points, on **Thursday 7th January**.
- **Year 12 mock examinations** - These will be **delayed** and will not start on Monday 11th January. Further information will be communicated very shortly.
- **National Testing Programme** - We are currently working on implementing this mass testing programme which will increase the safety of our school community and allow more students to remain in school. Further details will be communicated next week so please do look out for this.
- **Reporting Covid-19 cases** - If your child has contracted Covid-19 during the Christmas break, and you have not already informed the school, please could you email Mrs Juliet Orton (jor@cooperscoborn.co.uk) as soon as possible. This is so we have an accurate record of recent cases in the school. This information will be kept confidential. If you receive confirmation outside of school hours that your child has a positive Covid-19 test, please continue to call the designated mobile phone number: 07966 236607



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As always, thank you for your support as we move into 2021. There is much to look forward to on the horizon as we emerge from the pandemic and return to more normality in terms of life and school. Please rest assured we will continue to work as hard as possible to keep your son/daughter safe and provide them with an excellent education experience underpinned by our core principle of 'Love as Brethren'.

Wishing you all a very Happy (and much improved) New Year!

Yours faithfully

Ms Sue Hay
Headteacher