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Dear Parent/Carer

You will, I am sure, have seen or read in the news that the government has announced further changes to the return to school plan for secondary schools across the country.

For students at our school this means the following:

- All students in all year groups **will be taught remotely** following their normal timetable from **Monday 4th January until the date of their return to school.**
- **Students in Years 11 and 13 will now return to school on Monday 11th January** and NOT on Monday 4th January as previously stated.
- All other students in Year 7 -10 and Year 12 will return to school on **Monday 18th January.**
- If you have registered your child to attend school because you are a critical worker or they are classed as vulnerable then they should attend school from Monday 4th January. No other children should attend site. The school bus service will be running.
- Most of our students are now used to accessing lessons remotely. For those who are not there is a guide on our website that can be accessed here [Remote Lessons](#). In addition to this guide there are some helpful links at the end of this letter.
- If your child has no access to IT facilities to access their lessons (they can access on a smart phone) then please contact school on Monday 4th January and we will do all that we can to support you.
- Students in Year 12 or Year 13 who do Child Development, Health and Social Care, Applied Science or BTEC Sport will be contacted on Monday 4th January to advise them when they should attend college for their BTEC examination.

If your child is working remotely and is eligible for free school meals then a voucher will be provided the week commencing 4th January.

We continue to plan for the government mass testing programme and I will write to you next week to explain how this is going to be implemented in our setting and to provide you with all the necessary information.

These are difficult and challenging times for everyone and I appreciate that you may be frustrated or concerned about the decisions that are being made. We are having to respond at very short notice to the guidance that is being provided to us and I ask for your continued patience as we make all necessary changes.

2020 has been a year like no other, as we face the prospect of a brighter 2021 may I wish you and your families all the very best for the new year.



I will be in touch again next week.

Yours faithfully

A O'Callaghan

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Here are the links to the document guide and video guide for students to access Zoom and Google Classroom:

www.tinyurl.com/ybnkk6cs

<https://youtu.be/9FSa0-Kzrtw>

www.tinyurl.com/y85zsss5

