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Road Safety Awareness

Be a considerate driver
Do not park on restricted areas on Talbot Avenue or Lidgett Lane
Be respectful of our local residents
Please use the turning circle paying attention to the speed limit
Obey speeding restrictions; they are there to protect our children
Look after the environment and switch off your engine, when stationary,
for cleaner air!

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Dear Parent/Carer

Staggered start to new term, January 2021

The government has today, announced that the return to school in January will be staggered for secondary school children.

Years 11 and 13* will return on 4 January as normal, with all other year groups returning from Monday 11 January. (*Year 13 will be on study leave revising and attending school for their Pre Public Exams). Vulnerable children and children of critical workers, who had previously registered in the summer, will be able to return on 4 January. Students in Years 10 and 12 taking external vocational exams must attend the day(s) of their exam during w/c 4 January.

I would emphasise that it is not an extended holiday. Years 7 to 10 will be expected to learn remotely, following their normal timetable through MS Teams, and engaging with live lessons delivered by their subject teachers.

To provide some context to this, on Tuesday of this week, we were informed that, from January, all schools would be expected to conduct weekly rapid-result tests, to help identify close contacts of students that have tested positive. This is to ensure that they do not need to isolate and are able to continue to benefit from high quality, face to face education. Please visit the following link for further detailed information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-asymptomatic-testing-in-schools-and-colleges/coronavirus-covid-19-asymptomatic-testing-in-schools-and-colleges>

The reason for the staggered return dates is to enable school leaders to plan with, and train, staff in implementing the testing programme.

Testing is voluntary but those eligible for tests are strongly encouraged to participate to reduce the risk of transmission within schools. To give your consent, please click on "[Rapid COVID-19 Testing](#)" and complete the online form. If you have more than one child at the school, a separate form is required for each student. Please return this information to us as a matter of urgency.

In line with routine infection control practice, close contacts who decide not to be tested will need to self-isolate.

Yours faithfully

Mike Roper
Headteacher

