

18th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

On Thursday 17th December the government shared its intent that mass testing in secondary schools will begin in January.

To support this change, and to help further control the spread of Covid-19, the government have also announced a staggered return to school after the Christmas holiday.

In order to allow planning for this significant change, **all secondary schools in TSAT will be hosting a logistical planning day on Monday 4th January, and will be closed to all students.**

From Tuesday 5th January, only year 11 and year 13 students, [children of critical workers, and vulnerable children](#) will attend face to face lessons. All other learning will take place online.

All students will return to school full time on Monday 11th January.

January 2021 Staggered Return Timetable:

Monday 4th January

School closed to all students

Tuesday 5th January to Friday 8th January

In school learning provided to:

- Year 11
- Year 13
- Children of critical workers
- Vulnerable children.



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Online learning provided to:

- Year 7
- Year 8
- Year 9
- Year 10
- Year 12

For students in these year groups who receive free school meals, we will be organising hampers.

Monday 11th January

All students return to school for face to face learning.

Schools will be using the logistical planning day on Monday 4th January to set online work for those students not in school from Tuesday 5th January, and will share the details with you via their communication channels.

Schools will also be using this day to plan for the introduction of Covid-19 testing. We currently anticipate that this will start mid-January, as we need to have in place the correct training and collect consent.

I apologise for the lateness of this decision and for any inconvenience caused as we do all that we can to help support the efforts to suppress Covid-19.

Yours Sincerely



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