



18<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents/Carers

I have some important information to tell you about the start of next term.

As I told you yesterday the government made an unexpected announcement that children in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 will work from home for the first week. They will come back to school on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January**. Year 11 will be in school for the first week. Those children who are vulnerable and key worker children in Y7-10 will also be able to come into school from the first week if they need to.

In order to plan for this very unexpected change I have had no choice but to designate **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January as a staff INSET. All children in all year groups will stay at home on this day.**

I am sorry for the late notice but we cannot plan properly without having this time together as staff. To be clear this is when each year group will return after Christmas:

- Year 11 and vulnerable and key worker children in Y7-10 will return on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** at 8.25am in full school uniform
- Year 7, 8, 9, 10 will return to school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 8.25am in full school uniform. They will be expected to join form time on Teams on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January and follow a remote learning timetable from home. Form tutors will give them clear instructions so they must attend on time please

We already have a list of vulnerable and key worker children from the last lockdown in March. We will be writing to those parents today to see if they want their children to come in to learn in school from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. They do not have to-it is optional. If they are safe at home to learn then they can do this. IN school they will be following the same timetable as those at home.

We do not know yet which of our Year 7s have parents/carers who are key workers. If you are a parent of a key worker child and you need your child to come into school in the first week then please let us know by messaging us on MyEd or emailing Miss Slater on [linda.slater@salford.gov.uk](mailto:linda.slater@salford.gov.uk). We will respond on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Again, I am so sorry for the disruption to the first week of the new term at this late notice. I hope you know that we would never ordinarily be so disorganised! We are just responding to the late notice given to us by the government. Please rest assured that we will do our absolute best to keep our standards as high as ever for your child. I know we have your support and trust and that means a lot at this very unusual time.

We haven't had any details yet about rapid testing in school for pupils from January. When we know more we will let you know our plans.

What an end to a whirlwind of a term!

The most important thing for now is our families and staff have a safe and happy Christmas. We will see you all in the new year when learning at the wonderful St Patrick's will continue.

Kind regards

Mrs Byrne

*Amazing things happen here*

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