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Dear Families,

This has been the most extraordinary term. Despite our very best efforts to keep the school COVID-secure and functioning as normally as possible, we have, at some point, had to send every student home. Nevertheless, I am extremely proud of the excellent work our teachers have done in providing live online learning and it has been encouraging to see that the vast majority of our students have fully engaged with 'Google Classroom' and embraced their remote learning. I am enormously grateful to everyone who has contributed towards keeping us going; the support of parents and carers has been truly heartening. Both the enthusiasm with which students have embraced sudden and difficult changes (with the disappointment of being sent home), and the support of my colleagues, have made a very challenging situation much easier.

### **New Term - Commencing the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Our new term starts on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. This is an **INSET Day for all staff, so students are not in school, no work will be set.**

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021, following yesterday's announcement from the Government, **ONLY Years 11 and 13** will return to school. All other year groups will be provided with a remote learning timetable ready for the first week of the new term. Please look out for further information on our Website ([lns.org.uk](http://lns.org.uk)) which we will also send to your email address on file.

Currently **ALL** pupils will return to school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - we will again, over the course of the Holiday, provide you with more information to keep you updated.

### **Children of Key Workers (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January)**

We will be operating keyworker provision for children of key workers, who are otherwise unable to provide childcare. Our onsite provision will be fully supervised in a computer room, with all students completing the work set on Google Classroom (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January), with live lessons commencing (from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January). For a list of key workers please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you wish to sign up to the key worker provision please email [admin@lns.org.uk](mailto:admin@lns.org.uk) by 9:00am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Assessment Week and PPE exams**

Due to the staggered start in January, Assessment week will be moved to the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Further updates on Assessment week and PPE exams will be sent out at the start of the new term.

## **Winter Grant Scheme**

All parents of pupils eligible for Free School Meals will now have received their first payments of £20 for the holiday period. A second payment will be made prior to the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020. The payments are in the form of Tesco vouchers and will be sent to parental email addresses.

## **Covid 19 - Arrangements for Positive cases during the Christmas Holiday**

As part of our continuing support for families during the Christmas break, we will be monitoring our school email should families wish to report an instance of a positive case over the first part of the holidays.

This is important because in the first days of the Christmas holidays it is possible a pupil with a positive case of Covid 19 MAY have been in school whilst positive but before they have been tested.

If your son or daughter has tested **positive between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020** please email the school at "***admin@lms.org.uk***" and provide details of your sons / daughters name and registration group and the last day they were in school.

**Please DO NOT telephone the school as the phones will not be monitored.**

This information is of paramount importance as it will allow the school to advise other pupils who MAY have come into contact with a positive case before the end of the school term so they can isolate and help stop the spread of the virus.

This and more information can be found on our Website here:- [lms.org.uk](http://lms.org.uk).

## **Covid-testing of students and staff**

The government has asked all schools to provide weekly Covid-19 tests for staff, and daily tests for any close contacts of those who are confirmed to have Covid-19. This is a very considerable undertaking with many potential impacts and ramifications. Details of this were only provided yesterday evening and all schools, including LMS, are considering how best to respond to this. I will contact parents/carers once I have more information on when and how we will introduce such testing. I am very sorry this information has come out so late. Schools only found out the details of the government's staggered return yesterday. I can only apologise for the disruption this may cause you.

Finally, please see an extended version of 'Navigate' that provides a small snapshot of the life at LMS.

Wishing you all a peaceful, happy holiday and prosperous New Year

Your sincerely,



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