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Dear Families,

I hope that you and your households had a safe and happy Christmas. I apologise for writing to you during the school holidays – indeed on New Year's Day – but there is important information on school reopening that I want to share with you.

As you will be aware, on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 the government announced that Year 11 and 13 students would return to school the week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. All other students would have had remote education that week, returning to school the following week, the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**This has now changed** as a result of the sharp increase in coronavirus infections over the holiday period, and the government's desire to introduce mass Covid-19 testing into schools. The government's intention now is for all students to have remote learning from the first week back – in our case from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Staff and exam groups will be prioritised for testing, with Year 11 and Year 13 returning for their Pre Public examinations during the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021, and with all students back in school by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Further details can be found [here](#).

### **Summary of LNS' reopening arrangements**

Since Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 is a pre-arranged INSET day, the arrangements for all students are as follows:

#### **Tuesday 5th January**

Remote education for all. All classes will be set work to complete on Google Classroom.

#### **Wednesday 6th January**

Remote education for all. All students will have live lessons through Google Classroom, following their normal timetable. There will be minor changes to the timings of each lesson which will be sent out to you on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. This continues until all students are back in school.

#### **Week beginning Monday 11th January**

Covid-19 testing of year groups is planned to begin this week.

Staggered return of year groups to school begins this week, starting with Year 11 and Year 13, following Covid-19 testing.

#### **Monday 18th January**

All students back in school as normal.

## **COVID-19 Asymptomatic Testing in Schools**

The government's aim is that schools will set up mass testing systems for students and staff, to test for asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 (those where no symptoms are present). This will take place on school premises using what are known as lateral flow device (LCD) tests. The aim is for this process to take place before students return to school. Although this is a very significant undertaking for any school, we are hoping to have this operational during the week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. I urge all parents/carers to give their consent to this testing, and would welcome any volunteers to help oversee the testing. Further details, including a consent and volunteer form, are in a separate communication, that will provide more details of the testing process, asks for your consent for testing, and gives you the opportunity to volunteer to support the school with testing.

## **On-site Provision (Tuesday 5th January - Friday 15th January 2021)**

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 and all other eligible students 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@lms.org.uk](mailto:admin@lms.org.uk) by 9:00am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Please note that the school will closely monitor student engagement with remote learning and will contact parents/carers of those students that are failing to access their learning remotely and request that they continue their learning through the schools onsite provision. Attendance marking will apply to remote learning lessons.

## **Assessment Week and PPE exams**

Due to the staggered start in January, 'Assessment Week' will be moved to later in the term. We are still anticipating that Pre Public Exams will commence for Years 11 and 13 as scheduled from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We will write to families early next week to finalise these details.

## **Free School Meal Vouchers**

All parents of pupils eligible for Free School Meals will receive a £15 Tesco Voucher for the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. These will be sent to parental email addresses.

Finally, I will write to you next week with details of the testing schedule, and when exactly different year groups will return to face-to-face teaching and do please check our website / social media for updates.

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and prosperous 2021!

Yours sincerely,



**Mr. M Schofield**

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