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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you are all probably aware that following my end of term letter yesterday there has been a significant change to the arrangements for the January return. This confirmation was received from the DfE late in the afternoon.

**From Monday 4 January, only Year 11 and Year 13 students will be expected onsite to receive face to face lessons. All other year groups will continue to follow the remote learning timetable for one week.**

We will send out details to remind all students about the requirements and expectations of Home Learning towards the end of the holiday. This information will also be available on the website.

The school will be open for key worker children and those who require specific educational support in relation to their need (students will be contacted separately). Please inform us if you are a key worker and you would like your child to attend school by using the following e-mail address: [hed.sandsj@hedingham.essex.sch.uk](mailto:hed.sandsj@hedingham.essex.sch.uk) before Monday 4 January.

All students will be expected to return to school on Monday 11 January.

You may have seen in the media the announcement that mass Covid-19 testing will be available for secondary schools and colleges from January. It is important to share with our school community that we were only informed of this development on Tuesday. There is a significant amount of preparation required before this approach can be implemented and we have not yet received any of the equipment or training necessary for this testing to take place. Therefore, the current approach to contact tracing, self-isolation for close contacts and remote learning will continue until such time that a testing approach is implemented. Until we receive the equipment and guidance, I cannot yet confirm a timescale for any changes. We will write to you with further information about the approach including the approach to consent, once we have more details, in the New Year.

Once again, thank you for your understanding in these ever-changing circumstances. I will endeavour to keep you informed when further information is provided.

Yours sincerely

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